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FALL 2012

Costume ride 10/27, 10:00

Purisima Creek OSP to Arata's pumpkin patch in HMB.
See page 6 for more information.



Reveal The Path Movie 10/26, 7:30

Los Altos High School. 201 Almond Ave. Los Altos.
Proceeds to benefit ROMP.

REVEAL THE PATH
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7:30pm
Friday
October 26th
Eagle Theater
Los Altos H.S.

Tickets: \$10 for REI members (if purchased in advance at REI)
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Tickets at REI Saratoga, Mountain View and San Carlos
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Proceeds benefit ROMP. Join us for a group mtn. bike ride 10/27,
trail projects 10/20, 11/10. More info at ROMP.org!

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OPINION: The Story of the DPR Budget

By Paul Nam

California is said to be the 8th largest economy in the world. How a robust economy could fail to provide basic social services is not going to be addressed here. But the debacle of California's State Parks is a microcosmic representation of that question. This essay will cite recent aspects and local examples of the DPR budget problem.



and Recreation.

That California State Parks scrape the bottom of the barrel for funding, for resources to address deferred maintenance, to match their mission and services to the needs modern society, to earn the trust of the public in their ability to properly and economically manage their parks and recreation areas, to give evidence of good

A popular conception is that State Park budgets are being cut to force closures of 70 parks and reductions in services to hit the voting public in a sensitive place. Approving more taxes in November could have been one of the goals. Whether or not that conception is valid, there is no doubt that the amount of money that the state saves by the cuts to parks budget is relatively small, yet symbolically significant. In June, Governor Brown approved a 91 billion dollar state budget. Cuts to the parks budget were 31 million dollars (51 million over the past 4 years). In addition there are said to be 1.3 billion dollars of deferred maintenance in State Parks. Because of the threatened park closures, non-profits and philanthropic individuals rallied to the aid of California State Parks. The DPR became a cause on it's knees with hands out. When hidden funds were discovered, the DPR charity took on aspects of the mentally retarded and criminally insane.

On May 13, 2011, State Parks officials announced that 70 parks would close at the end of July 2011. Advocates for State Parks went into action. For example, on Friday May 25th 2012, a ceremony at Henry W. Coe State Park headquarters was held to hand off a \$279,000.00 check from the Coe Park Preservation Fund to California State Parks in order to keep

Coe park open. The check was handed personally to Ruth Coleman. Then investigative journalists from the Sacramento Bee uncovered a secret and illegal vacation buy-out program for a select group of DPR administrators [the amount totaled \$271,000] to spend down the budget. This investigation led to a state government audit of the



DPR, which led to the hidden account. Upon the revelation of a \$54 million secret DPR fund, on Friday July 20th 2012, Ruth Coleman resigned from her position as Director of California State Parks

leadership and commonsense, and give evidence that they deserve the funding they receive; were common reactions. For every worker and ranger in the field, there are 2 administrators. California State Park Rangers no longer perform fundamental maintenance or function as naturalist interpreters, but are essentially an armed police-force. Volunteers and seasonal park-aids try to fill most of the work that used to be done by rangers. Non-profits like the Sempervirens Fund, who had contributed funds to the DPR charity responded with charges of fraud and announced that they intend to claw-back the contributions or at least have them matched. Individual park enthusiasts now entertain more doubts in the

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Ridge Trail Service Day Nov. 3rd!

In addition to our trail work days on October 20th and November 10th, the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council is teaming up with REI and land management agencies throughout the Bay Area to build and upgrade the Ridge Trail. With 15 work parties from San Jose to Santa Rosa (and 6 in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties), there is sure to be one near you! REI brings morning snacks and Chipotle generously feeds hungry volunteers tasty burritos for lunch. All volunteers can enter to win great prizes from the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and REI.

Sign-up now at RidgeTrail.org.

This year marks the 5th anniversary of the Service Day. With more than 500 volunteers last year, the event is the Ridge Trail Council's largest annual event. Over the past four years, 1,700 volunteers from all nine Bay Area counties enjoyed the camaraderie of working together on the Ridge Trail. Altogether, volunteers have donated more than 7,300 hours at 48 sites, building and improving miles of trail, and restoring adjacent open space and habitat. This year promises to be the biggest yet, with the most projects ever, and the most volunteers needed — we need you!



Projects range from technical work of building new trail, retaining walls, and a rock drainage lens to improving and maintaining trail tread and drainage, to pruning overgrowth and removing invasive species. Depending on the work needed, groups range from small in size to nearly 100 volunteers working together. All projects are on scenic stretches of the Ridge Trail or future Ridge Trail.

With volunteers pitching in at so many sites on a single day, this event reflects the Ridge Trail's regional nature as a path that connects the entire Bay Area. And the number of partners highlights the importance of the Ridge Trail Council's private and public collaborations. In addition to superb support from park agencies and districts, numerous nonprofit partners also contribute to the day's success. This year we are pleased to have the Sonoma County Trails Council, Napa Trails Alliance, the Trail Center, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, Presidio Trust, and Sutro Stewards hosting volunteers on the trail.

No prior experience is needed to volunteer, but age requirements vary by location. Agency staff provide tools and project supervision. We are grateful for the support from REI and our agency and nonprofit partners for helping to make Service Day such a terrific and popular event.

Advance registration is required: sign up today at RidgeTrail.org. So pitch in, get dirty, build trail, and make friends! See you on the trail on November 3.

South Bay and Peninsula Service Day projects are:

Sierra Vista Open Space, east San Jose
Alum Rock Park, east San Jose,
Sanborn County Park, above Saratoga,
Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve, above Palo Alto,
Skyline Trail, between Wunderlich & Huddart County Parks
Sweeney Ridge, between Pacifica and San Bruno.
All projects except Skyline Trail are on trails currently open to cyclists, or being improved to allow opening to riders.



Help build New Local Trail!

In Sanborn County Park, volunteers will work on the new John Nicholas trail, connecting from Lake Ranch reservoir to the

current Ridge Trail (Skyline Trail) at Sunnyvale Mt. Skyline through Sanborn is not yet open to riders. When the Nicholas Trail is complete, upgrades to Skyline will be made and all ~6 miles of Ridge Trail will be opened to all users. Connected to recently re-opened trail through adjoining Castle Rock State Park, these new miles will create a continuous 20+ mile full multi-use trail through Sanborn County Park, Castle Rock State Park and Saratoga Gap, Long Ridge, Skyline Ridge and Russian Ridge Open Preserves.

Tasks for the day include hand-grooming SWECO constructed trail or clearing vegetation and organic material from yet-to-be constructed trail. There may be also be work on drainage structures and retaining walls. Come build new trail today for your epic rides tomorrow!



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parks system and the non-profits associated with them. In sum, a wilted parks system was about to collapse without being propped up by philanthropic donations, when suddenly a secret fund was discovered which looked outwardly as if it was being saved for embezzlement.

and slippery slope ahead, complicate navigation.

"No, we don't have this all figured out. None of us do." I think to myself looking around the in dense-packed side-hill brush for the trail I thought I was on, somewhere deep inside of Henry W. Coe State Park. "Where the hell are we anyway?"

Why not? Well if you are reading this, you will probably agree that Coe Park is a beautiful and valuable place, for many reasons, and many of them special and devised on your own. Where is the "maddening crowd"? Coe Park is far from it.

One of the reasons why Coe park, the largest State Park in Northern California, is not well known is because the DPR has not been able to manage it. The last general management plan for the park was made in 1985. Since then, the park has nearly doubled in acreage. The plan is invalid and obsolete.

The trail system of Coe park is not adequate either. It repels visitors.

All of the great Coe volunteers, enthusiasts, and members of the Pine Ridge Association make up a core society of Coe Park advocates do not need to be preached to. They are on an increasingly tough trail of California State Parks stewardship which seems to be ever more demanding and challenging to navigate. A few years ago the writing was on the wall, a budget shortfall was imminent, and the Coe Park Preserva-

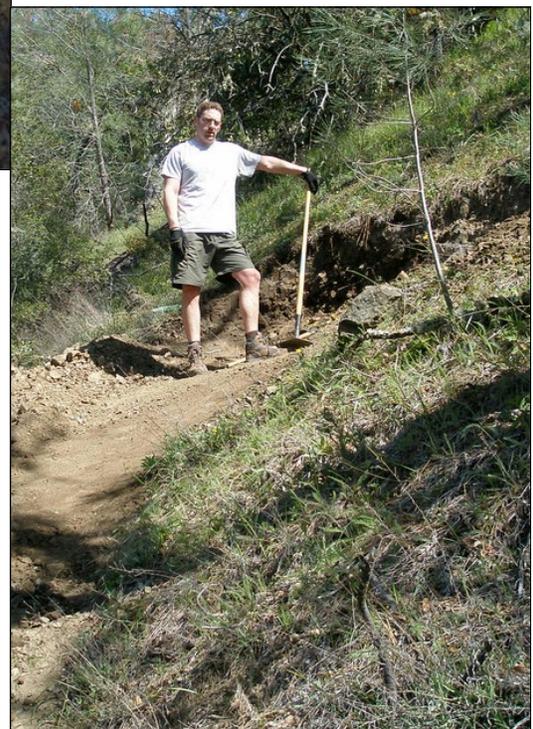


The old over-grown trail ahead is still blocked by a huge budget dead-fall, whose limbs obscured by a tough, pesky, overgrown bureaucracy characterized by thorny deficits, dense knots of deeply rooted regulations, covered with layers of political foliage. Moreover, eroding chasms of deferred maintenance, dilapidated and crumbling historical structures, antiquated facilities, a legacy of over-grade trails purposed for exploitation (legacies of ranching, mining, logging, and homesteading), and unpredictable weeds of unanticipated needs are growing right out of the loose

Indeed, "Where are we?"

From the perspective of hikers, mountain bikers, runners, bird watchers, exercise seekers, adventure seekers, state parks exist in great measure to provide a place to recreate. Recent events indicate otherwise. State Parks exist to provide a few secure plum jobs with excellent benefits while visitors, volunteers, and donors, exist only as pests.

Despite the fact the Henry W Coe SP is a large and beautiful park (opinions on the latter may vary), it is not very famous.



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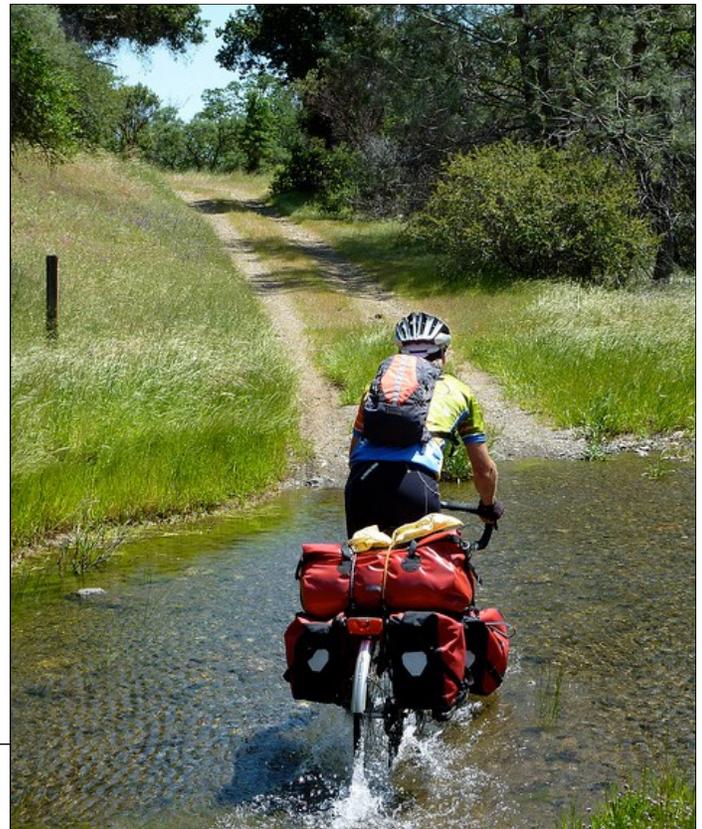
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tion Fund was conceived.

The Coe Park Preservation Fund has been founded to create an endowment for future park operation. Could this organization could be a viable funding model? Recent events indicate that this might work.

Think about this. Instead of saddling the public with steep use fees (say \$100/night camping, \$35/day per visitor), and instead of increased garnishing of wages and assessing higher property taxes, we hope that generous corporations and individuals come up with the money. If that happens, maybe it will become

parks popular with mountain-bikers, were all under the gun. For Malakoff, a group called the South Yuba River Citizens League formed. For China Camp, a group called Friends of China Camp took on park operations. Sonoma County Regional Parks stepped up to keep Annadel State Park open. Samuel P. Taylor State Park will remain open with help from federal funds because it is a redwood park. CastleRock and



into doubt. These means of propping up the parks were predicated upon a budget shortfall.

Unfortunately, even if all of the \$54 million could be applied to keep the parks open, it still will not be enough money in the longer term. All of these newly formed non-profits will probably be needed to stick around for a long, long time. Of the \$54 million, only \$20.4 million are from general fees and concessions, and directly applicable. The balance, \$33.5 million are from the OHV fund, and should only be used for the

known as CEO State Park.

Other state parks in Northern California have similar situations. Advocates quickly rallied to find ways of raising funds to keep parks open. Popular parks with multi-use trails comprised the core of proposed closures. Malakoff Diggins, Annadel, and China Camp,

Portola State Parks will remain open because of the Portola and Castle Rock Foundation and \$250,000 from the Sempervirens Fund. All of these responses to impending closures were created before the revelation of the hidden \$54 million. Once the funds were discovered, all of these arrangements came



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Special Events

Reveal the Path Movie Night

Oct 26, 7pm Los Altos High.
201 Almond Ave, Los Altos.
Get your tickets at REI



Reveal the Path is a genre-defying adventure film that contemplates what it means to live an inspired life using the bicycle as a mechanism to explore, dream and discover. Regions explored include Scotland's lush valleys, Europe's snow capped mountains, Morocco's high desert landscapes, Nepal's rural countryside and Alaska's rugged coastal beaches. Ride along and get lost in the wonders of the world... Meet the locals living modest yet seemingly fulfilling lives, leading us to question what it means to live an inspired life – however humble or extravagant. Filmed across four continents and featuring Tour Divide race legends, Matthew Lee & Kurt Refsnider, this immersive film is sure to ignite the dream in you.

Annual Pumpkin Ride

Oct 27, Mett at 9:45, wheels roll 10:00am., Purisima Creek OSP
RSVP on meetup.com/mtbromp
Leaves the northern Purisima Parking Lot on Skyline Blvd 2.5 miles north of Kings Mtn Road to ride down to Half Moon Bay

Calendar

via Purisima OSP. Back up via Purisima OSP - opensource.org/preserves/pr_purisima.asp . 20-25 miles & 2,300 ft climbing. 30% paved roads closer to Half Moon Bay.

We ride to a preselected pumpkin patch for photo opts & a break. Maps will be provided. Prizes awarded back at the Purisima Parking Lot for those

bringing back the most weight in pumpkins purchased, oddest looking pumpkin, weirdest pumpkin stem etc. Prizes awarded for best costumes (optional & please keep costumes cycling safe). This

event draw a fun hilarious group! Panniers, backpacks, bob carts, pockets etc. can be used to transport pumpkins. Historical record is over 100 lbs in pumpkins hauled back up the hill by one person - although it was a multiple pumpkin haul! Tandems are welcomed. If someone does not wish to cycle off road trails, there is the Tunitas Creek Road down &/or back as an alternative. Bring layers, it could be cold/windy in Half Moon Bay. Bring power snack to help you cycle back up the hill. Bring cash to buy your pumpkin or a pie for a snack. Bring cameras... Rain 24 hours ahead cancels the ride.

Questions: 408 257-8284 Linda & Glenn Wegner. RSVP on meetup.com/mtbromp

ROMP Holiday Party

Friday, November 30th

Join us for our annual holiday festivities on Friday night, Nov 30th at Michael's Restaurant at 2960 North Shoreline Blvd (banquet room) for a fun & entertaining evening. Everyone welcome! The cost covers appetizers & a full dinner buffet with veggie options. Cash bar.

Be sure to sign up early! Check ROMP website regularly for hints about the guest speaker and paypal registration.

Rides

Join the mtb-romp google group and check out meetup.com/mtbromp for exact details.

The Monthly ROMP

Fourth Saturday

The Monthly ROMP is a new event. Each month, we'll ride from a different location. . This is an easy way to get to know all the local trails available. We'll have a beginner ride leader, intermediate leaders, and depending on the group, we can also do a more advanced ride. Meet ups are usually at 9:45am, be ready to ride at 10:00. This is a social ride and some single track skills are required. We will regroup frequently and ride at a casual pace for about 2- 3 hours. We all ride with helmets--don't forget yours. Rain will cancel. A Release of Liability Waiver will require your signature. Come prepared with water, food and a bike that works. We will serve food and beverages after the ride Please consider joining Meetup and RSVP'ing <http://www.meetup.com/ROMP-MTB/>
October — Purisima Creek OSP
November — Grant Ranch
December — Santa Teresa

Arastradero Beginners with MM

Every Thursday at 6pm during daylight savings. Joint ride with Mere Mortals, this beginners ride covers 4-6 miles and 600-800 feet of climbing.
Contact anniejumeau@gmail.com

ROMP MBOSC at Soquel Demo Forest

Second Sunday, 9:30AM

This is the ever popular joint MBOSC ROMP Second Sunday Demonstration Forest Ride. Both clubs will meet at the green bridge at 9:30 AM. Wheels rolling by 10:00 AM. Consensus will determine the route down the mountain.
Contact: Josh Moore 408-420-7342
mtbikes@gmail.com



Social and Scenery Ride

Third Saturday, 10:30 AM
Enjoy a ride for experienced beginners and intermediates who want to go slower. Meet at 10:15am (wheels roll at 10:30) to ride, socialize, enjoy the scenery, and work on your biking skills at a slow to moderate pace with frequent breaks for 2.5 hours or more depending on group wishes. Explore and learn new trails in a supportive group or share your favorites in these preserves. Bring your helmet, water, sunscreen and possibly a snack. Rain cancels. Location: Meet in the Vista point parking area on Skyline Blvd/ Highway 35 located 1.1 miles north of its intersection with Page Mill Road and directly across from the Mid-Peninsula Open Space Russian Ridge Preserve. Contact: Phil Solk psolk@live.com, 650.291.9461

Trail Work

El Corte de Madera OSP

Saturday, October 20th, 9:00 AM
Contact: chucko@chucko.com
RSVP on romp.org

Bay Area Ridge Trail Council Service Day

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and Chipotle generously feeds hungry volunteers tasty burritos for lunch. All volunteers can enter to win great prizes from the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council and REI. Sign-up now at RidgeTrail.org.

Sanborn Park Santa Clara County Parks

Saturday, November 10, 9:00 AM
Build new trail from Skyline Blvd down to the town of Saratoga.
RSVP on romp.org

Soquel State "Demo Forest"

See trailworkers.com for more information.

Waterdog Lake, Belmont

Ongoing projects throughout the year.
Contact: Kevin Sullivan
ksullyman@yahoo.com

Meetings

Santa Clara County Parks Commission Meeting

First Wednesday 06:30 PM
To view the agenda, actual start time and meeting location can vary.
www.parkhere.org.

San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission

First Thursday of Even Months only,
04:00 PM. Board of Supervisors Chambers, Hall of Justice 400 County Center

Redwood City CA 94063
www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/parks

Midpeninsulasula Open Space District (MROSD) Meeting

Second and Fourth Wednesdays,
07:00 PM, 330 Distel Circle Los Altos
www.openspace.org

Open Space Authority Board of Directors meeting

Second and Fourth Thursday, 06:30 PM
Board Room Suite 200 6830 Via del Oro
San Jose 95119
www.openspaceauthority.org

Bay Area Ridge Trail County Committee

Monthly meetings for the San Mateo and Santa Clara County Committees.
www.ridgetrail.org

ROMP Business Meeting

Most months, usually the fourth Monday, round about 7pm. See www.romp.org/calendar for details. This is where we talk about what ROMP is planning to do. Also, if you would like to speak to the leadership of ROMP, please contact the president and we will put you on the agenda. We also welcome talks and presentations from outside organizations. Location: 191 Restaurant and Bar. 191 Castro St Mountain View CA 94041
Contact: president@romp.org



Summer "All Things Bike" Events in SJ/Santa Rosa

By Linda Kahn

The 3rd annual Sonoma County Bike Expo kicked off Sunday, August 19, 2012 at a new larger venue right in downtown Santa Rosa. Mark your calendars for next year or hit the website for the Sonoma County Bike Coalition (to sign up). The author of this article has been to every event, and this by far was the most fascinating and comfortable weather-wise. Santa Rosa is known for HOT days, and possibly with the day and location change of the event (from a Saturday to a Sunday), the weather cooperated with moderate temps and a cooling breeze most of the day.

The Sonoma County Bike Coalition (SCBC) got some great new ideas to grow the expo from a simple bike swap meet, to a bicycling extravaganza--and its FREE to all attendees. This Bike Coalition worked hard with the city of Santa Rosa resulting in a good turnout, and the city worked with the cyclists to get a larger venue to hold all the new vendors.



This year, the Velogenesis exhibition was newly added and VERY cool! Raffle tickets could be purchased both online and at the event. If picked, that ticket won a 'custom bike' that would be built for you THAT DAY with your measurements!



VeloGenesis united Nor Cal bicycle builders and component manufacturers in a cooperative process that brought forth two hand-made bikes created in public. Gary Helfrich, Inglis & Retrotec, Raphael Cycles, Rebolledo Cycles,

Soulcraft, and SyCip collaborated to create one (maybe two) unique, steel-frame town bikes. Calfee Design solo-built an amazing bamboo-frame bike. Paragon Machine Works donated all components. Welders were there with torches in hand and a crowd gathered 'round to watch frames being assembled. This was truly a one-of-a-kind demonstration and hopefully this will

happen next year. There was also BMX racing on a cool wooden ramp, BMX trick riding and neat bicycle 'creations' on display.

The food and beer were also top-notch. A local Paella vendor showed up and cooked it fresh in pans big enough to jacuzzi in. Plates sold for a reasonable \$10 a plate. New Belgium Brewing was also in attendance with the large bike beer logo and cool swag if you took the time to get in the tent. Rabobank also was there handing out logo'd goodies to whomever spun the wheel. Whole Foods was a sponsor of the early morning 'bike about town'...which had about 20 or more in attendance offering organic bananas and cold orange juice in the early AM.



The previous day, Saturday, I had attended the annual Sunnyvale Sports Basement Bike Swap meet. This swap meet had a number of local non-profit bike vendors in attendance and your \$3 admission 'fee' was donated to local Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. Everyone entering got a all-you-can-eat/drink free lunch that included ice-cold soft drinks and beer--so we could not believe we heard people complain about the charge for admission! Over 20+ vendors and bike enthusiasts came bearing used and new bikes, parts, and clothing. The day was rather warm, but spirits were high as many purchased items from a number of vendors, including a 10% off discount at Sports Basement. The economy is sagging but the 4 hours went by quickly with people buying only what they needed, not wanted.

Mark both of these events on your calendar for next year. You can email both Sunnyvale Sports Basement and the SCBC to get on their mailing lists so that you can be notified about these bike-related events for 2013.



Monthly ROMP Rambles On

By Henry Pastorelli

The Monthly Romp's are a good time and continue to gain momentum. The last couple rides we've had an average of 25 people attend and are now seeing a core of group of repeat riders. The social media site Meetup.com is instrumental in getting the word out and we are currently at 232 members with a 35% to 65% mix of females to males. Each week we continue to receive 6-7 new signups so the trend is promising.



the rides simple, casual and moderately pace. Having food and drinks after has also been a huge success as it keeps the ride length on track (<2.5 hrs) and allows folks to socialize and meet with their riding partners.

Thank you Linda George for driving this effort, coordinating the food and being an inspiration to all the beginners and women riders. Josh Moore is the idea man behind all this and has been a ride leader for every Romp.

Thanks again to all who have turned out. To continue to make this a sustainable ride we'll need more ride leaders and sweeps so please consider helping out. It's a great way to help support and demonstrate the popularity of mountain biking. Ride listing is below (4th Sat of the Month). Join Meetup for more details & notifications.



Most of the riders are folks who are either returning to mountain biking, new to mountain biking or have recently moved to the Bay Area and are looking for new places to ride. This mix fits well the intent to ride a different area each month and keep



- 2012
- Mar Arastradero – Palo Alto
- April Water Dog – Belmont
- May Henry Coe from Hunting Hollow – Morgan Hill
- June McNee Ranch & Rancho Corral de Tierra – Montara
- July Grizzly Flat / Saratoga Gap – Saratoga
- Aug El Corte de Madera OSP – Woodside
- Sept Almaden Quicksilver from Hicks – San Jose
- Oct Purissima Creek OSP – Half Moon Bay
- Nov Grant Ranch – East San Jose
- Dec Santa Teresa from Harry – South San Jose

- 2013
- Jan Monte Bello from Page Mill – Palo Alto
- Feb Harvey Bear / Coyote Lake, Morgan Hill



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purpose they were collected for.

California's State Parks are now being punished for misrepresenting their budget and poor management practices. People who enjoy visiting these parks are not going to enjoy being asked to donate to non-profits, volunteer time, vote for more taxes, or pay higher fees, either. Everyone gets a piece of coal this Christmas.

Employees of the DPR, particularly the rangers and administrators, need to do some soul searching. More than the general public, these people have the means to influence the future of the State Parks. If the public doesn't perceive the value in maintaining their salaries and positions, they will not fund

them. Turning parks into concentration camps (miniature police-states) for wild-life and rare plants and animals by closing them to the public is not what the parks were created for. If the new foundations and funds are going to prosper enough to fund salaries of public servants, the public servants had better start serving the public. Otherwise justice would have the public serve themselves to their parks.



Romp Directory

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Newsletter Mailing Party

This fun is repeated bi-monthly. If you would like to help next time (and eat some pizza and talk bikes at the same time), contact Glenn Wegner 408-257-8284 news mailing@romp.org

Mountain Cyclist

The Mountain Cyclist is the monthly newsletter of the Responsible Organized Mountain Pedalers

Send general newsletter material directly to the editor (not to the club PO box):

◇ newsletter@romp.org

Send ride listings to the club web master

◇ Josh Moore (408) 420 7342
webmaster@romp.org

ROMP Membership Application, Renewal, Change of Address, and Donation Form

ROMP is a group of local, energetic mountain bikers who have discovered the need for an active representation for the mountain biking public, and for an organized, responsible attitude in the practices of off-road bicyclists. ROMP needs YOUR support.

Name		
Family Members		
Address		
		Phone
City	State	email
Zip	Membership Type :	
How did you hear about us?	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$20.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Single Speed (\$50.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$25.00) <input type="checkbox"/> Hardtail (\$100.00)	
Send Newsletter:	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address <input type="checkbox"/> Donation \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership (\$1,000.00)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Via US postal service		
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READ AND SIGN WAIVER BELOW (Required each year to process membership)

RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZED MOUNTAIN PEDALERS ("ROMP") RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT") IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in Responsible Organized Mountain Pedalers ("Club") sponsored Bicycling Activities ("Activity"), I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that:(a)BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c)there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Club, the LAB, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the RELEASEES, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE Releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

X_____X_____ Date:_____

(Release Signature of Applicant) (Release Signature(s) Of Additional Family Members 18 and Over)

FOR MINORS ONLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF BICYCLING ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

(Print Name Of Parent/Guardian) (Print Address and Phone Number If Different from Above)

X_____ Date:_____

(Release Signature of Parent/Guardian) (Please print names and ages of minors)

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