

# Portland Tandem Club

## Newsletter

The bi-monthly newsletter for the Portland Metro-area tandem bicycle club.  
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### **From the Editor:**

Happy New Year. I hope this year brings you many miles of fair weather riding.

At the suggestion of one member, I will be including contact information in the copy of the newsletter I send to you but will remove that from the content placed on the web site.

Al

### **From the Meeting Coordinator:**

I'm looking for ideas and volunteers for the meeting in February. No date has been set because there is no program yet. Does anyone want to share pictures of bicycling/hiking/touring adventures? We have access to a projector and screens if needed. Do you have ideas for possible guest speakers? So far, the only agenda item would be to discuss, in more detail, a group ride/activity after the July rally in Salem. Anyone willing to take the lead on this?

Please contact me if you have ideas for the next meeting.

Amy

### **Next Meeting:**

**Saturday, January 21**

**Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange**

Time: Potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Ted and Nancy will be hosting this year's event.

The club will be providing a ham as a meat dish. If your last names start with A-F please bring a salad; G-L: a cocktail snack; M-R: a dessert; T-Z: a side dish. If you prefer an option other than ham please bring another main dish instead of the above categories. If your last names put you in 2 categories, choose only one/couple.

Ted and Nancy will provide some non-alcoholic beverages and tableware. BYOB.

Don't forget your white elephant gifts.

Ted & Nancy

### **Meeting Minutes:**

There was no meeting during the past 2 months.

### **Web Site News:**

The Portland Tandem Club web site can be found at [www.http://portlandtandemclub.org](http://portlandtandemclub.org).

If you have some photos of club activities to share, email them to:

[111084694807876749585.rideatandem@picasa.web.com](mailto:111084694807876749585.rideatandem@picasa.web.com). The subject line of the message will become the caption for the photo. Attach up to 20MBs of .jpg photos per email. If you want a separate caption for each photo, just send one photo per email. Please, do not email photos directly to us!

Guidelines for photos:

- Only submit photos of club related events.
- Please make sure other people in the photos are ok with the photo.
- .JPG files only, no movies.
- Nudity is ok if it is tastefully done. (Just Joking :-)
- Don't mail photos directly to us.

The club calendar has been set up so that club members may:

- be automatically notified when tandem club events are added to the calendar
- receive reminder notifications 10 days and 2 days before events.

If you'd like to be added to Event Notification, let us know and we'll sign you up.

Alan and Allison, Web Editors

## **Portland Tandem Club T-Shirts:**

There is an online order form for you to order cotton t-shirts and sweatshirts in the color you choose. If you want something different such as a long sleeved shirt or a performance fabric, please look at the Oregon Screen Impressions web site to see if they have what you want, and I will try to make it happen. There is an option for a knit sport shirt with embroidered logo, however we need 12 orders for this.

So far, not enough people have signed up for these to actually place an order so if you want one, please sign up.

Alan

## **From the Activities Coordinator:**

As you can see, there are a lot of open spots for you to sign up and lead a ride, a walk, an evening out, or whatever you want.

Joan

## **Upcoming PTC Activities:**

### **Sunday, January 1**

#### **New Years Day Portland Waterfront Walk**

Time: 10:30 a.m. start time (note new time)

Meeting place: The base of the tram at South Waterfront, 3303 SW Bond St.

Start the New Year with a Portland Tandem Club walk! We will walk north from South Waterfront along the new bicycle/pedestrian path, over the Hawthorne Bridge, up the Eastside Esplanade, over the Steel Bridge, down Waterfront Park and back to South Waterfront. It's about a five mile walk and it's flat as a pancake. After the walk you are welcome to come to our home for pizza.

Please RSVP so we know how much pizza to order. Dave & Pat

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Ted & Nancy

### **Sunday, January 22**

#### **Hike or Snowshoe Outing**

Let us know which you prefer. Time will depend on the choice. Pat and Al

### **Friday to Monday, February 17-20**

#### **2012 President's Day Weekend**

Join us for Cross Country Skiing at Sunriver with the Oregon Nordic Club. It's too cold to bike, why not ski? We will be staying in a well-appointed rental house with a hot tub. \$180.00 for two. Bring food for meals, potluck Saturday night. (Must join the [Oregon Nordic Club for this event](#). Annual family dues: \$33.00.) Call Ted & Nancy

## **Other Rides:**

Monster Cookie Ride - April 29

Ride Around Clark County - May 5

Reach the Beach - May 19

East Portland Sunday Parkways - ?

Pioneer Century - June 2

Strawberry Century - June 9

Gorge Ride - June 16

Petal Pedal - June 23

N Portland Sunday Parkways - ?

Cycle Oregon Weekend - July 13-15

Seattle To Portland (STP) - July 14-15

NW Portland Sunday Parkways - ?

Tualatin Valley Band concert ?

Oregon Bike Ride - July 21 - 28

Tour de Cure - July 28

Bike MS - ?

Eola Hills Winery Rides - Aug 5,12,19,26

Portland Bridge Pedal - Aug 12

SE Portland Sunday Parkways - ?

Cycle Oregon - Sept 8-15

NE Portland Sunday Parkways - ?

Peach of a Century - ?

Harvest Century - ?

Verboort Sausage Festival - Nov 3

## **Activity Reports:**

### **Saturday, November 12**

Wilsonville Walk

The weather betrayed the report and it did NOT rain on the five folks who did the walk in Wilsonville. The 7.1 mile walk took us on the dirt path in the wooded area of Memorial Park

that borders the Willamette River, past horse farms and the high school, then down into Boeckman Creek glen. We ended by circling a portion of the Mentor Graphics natural area before returning to Old Town Square. After a quick tour of the McMenamin's restoration of Wilsonville's historic Methodist church, the group enjoyed lunch at the new Wilsonville Oswego Grill before heading home.

Pat

**Thursday, December 8  
Zoolights Walk**

We had a great turnout for the walk from our house to view the Zoolights. Joining Mickey and I were: Jeff & Kim, Michael & Diane, Larry & Joan, Ted & Nancy, Dan & Rhoda, Gary & Karen, Al & Pat, and my friend Jean.

It was a beautiful clear night with a bright moon. The air was crisp and the conversation lively. We took advantage of the 2 for 1 price special and since we walked, we didn't have to pay the parking fee! The lights throughout the zoo were stunning. Everywhere you turned lights were shining brightly.

When we returned to our house the conversations continued while we enjoyed cookies, cupcakes, candy, wine, and tea. It was a wonderful evening filled with friends, food, and frivolity.

Amy



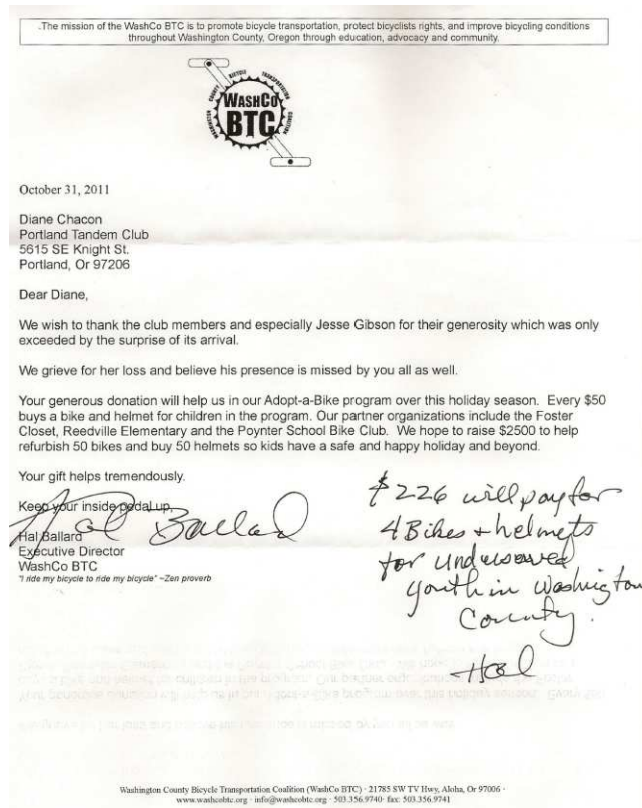
**Safety:  
Quiz**

See answers below.

1. As you approach an intersection, you notice painted in your lane, a line of upside down triangles. What do these mean?

2. You are bicycling and see a delivery truck stopped in the middle of the bike lane with its flashers on. Is it legal for it to temporarily park in the bike lane to deliver a package?

**From Washco BTC:**



**Safety Quiz Answers:**

1. Yield. This line of upside down triangles is known as a "yield line." At the point of the triangles, you are to slow your vehicle (bike or car) and yield if necessary.
2. Yes, a delivery truck may temporarily "park" in a bike lane, but only if the driver is "actually engaged in loading or unloading property...." So be careful, the driver may be moving around the truck and might create a hazard.

### **The Portland Tandem Club**

Team Northwest Tandemonium (TNT) was started in 1993 so that tandem riders in the Portland/Vancouver metro area could meet and ride with other tandem riders, share experiences and gain new friends. In Fall, 2010 the club decided to change the name to The Portland Tandem Club.

The club depends on members to lead activities. Ride difficulty varies depending on the wishes of the leaders. Regular meetings occur in February, April, June and October. Club members also get together for a summer picnic, and a holiday potluck party. Other activities include walks and dinners at local restaurants.

Everyone is welcome to come on PTC activities. Non-members are welcome on all rides but for real fun and to be better informed about the activity schedule and the latest tandem news, you should be sure to join the club! Visit us at [www.portlandtandemclub.org](http://www.portlandtandemclub.org)

PCT Annual Club Membership Dues: \$25  
Annual membership renewals due June 15th  
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