



The Annual CIBike HolidayFestivity was not only an end-of-the year celebratory gathering of biking friends, but was also the introduction of the 2019 board of directors (BOD) and a salute to the 2018 BOD. Shown left to right: Bill Faulkner, 2018 and 2019 Grants Director; Kate Faulkner, 2018 and 2019 President; Soheil Roshan-Zamir, 2018 Treasurer and 2019 Membership Director; Sonia Sandomer, 2018 and 2019 Rides Director; Leslie Ogden, 2018 Secretary; Dan Mathews, 2018 Membership Director and 2019 Programs Director; Theresa Satterfield, 2019 Secretary; Patrick McDonald, 2019 Treasurer. Not shown: Bob Burrow, 2018 Programs Director; Barry Cole, 2018 Public Relations Director; Margaret Mathews, 2018 Director at Large and 2019 Public Relations Director; Burt Elliot, 2019 Director at Large. Photos courtesy of Ron Parker.

CIBike 2019 Plans and New Leadership Team Revealed at Holiday Party

A festive group of CIBike members and guests enjoyed the December 9 annual Holiday Party at the Saticoy Country Club – coordinated by Patrick and Sherry Mullins. Newly elected Secretary Theresa Satterfield MC'd the event while President Kate Faulkner gave an overview of club events and exciting plans for the new year. (Read about these plans in this issue!) Ron Parker lent his usual excellent photography skills to record the event and shared his photos on Facebook and here in the following pages. New directors were introduced, games were played, a few short speeches made, delightful dinners and beverages were consumed, dancers danced, and a rolling photo presentation was scrolling in the background – thanks to Jim Dinges.

It's never too early to plan for a great soiree
so add the CIBike Holiday Party to your 2019 calendar!

*Read about our club's 2018
Achievements on page 2,
President's Message*

*A club member took this photo on a recent
ride. Did he bike to the moon? What is
this? See page 11.*





CIBike is a nonprofit recreational organization that provides enjoyable and recreational bicycle riding and related activities in and around Ventura County.

2019 Club Officers/Volunteers

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 Director at Large..... Burt Elliot
 Web Content..... Soheil Roshan-Zamir
 Web Content..... Sean Michnowski, Mike Stewart
 Website www.cibike.org

Chain Chatter Newsletter

Our newsletter, Chain Chatter, is distributed by email to members, unless requested otherwise. It is also posted on cibike.org under "members." Your letters, stories of cycling experiences (good and bad), news items, ride ideas, tech info, etc., are welcome! Please email information to: Margaret Mathews, Editor, at Margaretann2105@aol.com.

Renewal Notices

Please watch for your renewal notice; notices are emailed to members annually. Questions about membership may be directed to Soheil Roshan-Zamir.

Monthly Meetings

General meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except August and December), at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main St, Ventura. The general meeting starts at 7:00. No meeting in March.

Cool Breeze Century

Our Cool Breeze Century ride is held the third weekend in August each year; the 2019 event will be on August 17.

CIBike Mission

The Channel Islands Bicycle Club (CIBike) is an inclusive, non-profit organization that promotes bicycling for recreation, health, sport and transportation. CIBike is committed to increasing awareness, skills, and safety for cyclists through worthy programs, grants, and partnering with agencies that share our vision of fun and safe cycling.



President's Message

By Kate Faulkner,
2018-2019 President

Wrapping up 2018

Cycling brings out the joy in people. I am glad to be part of a club of friends who share cycling, as well as many other interests, with each other.

I recently went to a presentation by Elena Brokaw, the new director of the Museum of Ventura County. Brokaw is extremely busy rebuilding and expanding the relevance of the Museum to the residents of Ventura County. What struck me from her talk, besides that she mentioned how much they like hosting CIBike's monthly meetings, was the statistics she reported regarding the percentage of the American population that has gone to a museum or cultural site in the last two years. The number was an amazingly low 16%. This highlighted to me what a special and engaged group of people the bike club is. I know that having active friends is a great motivation for me to exercise and to stay engaged in the community.

A club rider recently thanked other riders for pressuring him (a little bit) to go further and climb more than he had originally been planning to ride that day. Doesn't that happen all of the time? I know that I would ride less frequently, would ride slower, and would ride shorter routes if not for the encouragement of my fellow riders. Conversations with other riders help the miles to go by.

2018 has been a very active year for CIBike. There have been a number of firsts:

2018 was our first year of meetings at the Museum of Ventura County. The staff at the Museum could not have been more helpful. The venue is well-located, high-tech, and accommodates crowds of all sizes. The pre-meeting dinners and socials have been well-attended and popular. Bill F. made the initial contact with the museum and has supported every monthly meeting. Thank you, Bill!

2018 was the first time Ventura was a Stage Start for the Amgen Tour of California. We had an awesome pre-race meeting at the Museum with many of the stage volunteers in attendance. In 2019, Ventura will be a Stage Start and Finish for the Women's Tour and a Stage Finish for the Men's Tour. This will be even more fun and require more volunteers than last year

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**We Are grateful to our 2018 Board of Directors
For keeping CIBike in the forefront of fun and advocacy**

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Government Liaisons..... Leslie Ogden, Kate Faulkner
Director at Large..... Margaret Mathews

Dedicated Volunteers

who keep the organization's wheels spinning

Web Content.....Soheil Roshan-Zamir
Web Content..... Sean Michnowski, Mike Stewart
Social Media, Photography, Archivist.....Ron Parker
Graphics and DesignsJaneen Nagaoka
Historian..... Theresa Satterfield
Cool Breeze Leaders.....Bart, Diane, Linda, Foster
Randonneurs Foster Nagaoka, Linda Bott
Government Liaisons..... Kate Faulkner, Leslie Ogden
Chain Chatter Editor Margaret Mathews



**Heads up! Mark your calendars
and watch for more info
on these fun CIBike events**

Jan. 9	CIBike meeting -special Adventure Cycling program – see page 5
May	National Bike Month
May	Spring Fling to be held in
24-27	Paso Robles at the Great Western Bike Rally
May 16	Amgen Tour starts in Ventura – CIBike needs volunteers
July 13	Annual Club picnic at Rincon Park at the beach
Aug 17	Cool Breeze - volunteer!
October	Lure of the Grapes - Buellton
Nov	Club elections

**Welcome to our 2019 Secretary –
Theresa Satterfield**

"I have been a member of the Channel Islands bike club since the beginning. I am one of the original members way back when Ed and Udas Young created the Oxnard Ventura bike club. I have held the positions of secretary, ride coordinator and president. The Channel Islands Bike Club has given me years of enjoyment, challenges and many friends. I am so thankful that 20-plus years ago I decided to go for a bike ride. I look forward to being the 2019 Club secretary."



Meet our new Director at Large – Burt Elliot



I have enjoyed riding a two-wheeler since I got my first bike for my 6th Birthday. It was a metallic green Czechoslovakian one speed with coaster brakes. I called it the "Green Spark"! Lots of great memories riding with my friends. Now I ride a much bigger (and lighter!) bike but the best part is riding with a great group of friends. I grew up in and went to school in Canada. (Limited winter cycling!) As an engineer I was transferred to many different locations ultimately landing up in Ventura 24 years ago. I rode on my own and with my wife Dana until I joined the club in April 2018. I am excited to be a member of the Channel Islands Bicycle Club and looking forward to helping the club by serving on the board.

President's Message continued

2018 was our first CIBike Summer Picnic at Rincon Park. It was a terrific base for rides throughout southern Santa Barbara County. The coastal weather was pleasant and several of our picnickers had a post-lunch swim and walk on the beach. Many thanks to Bob B. and Margaret M. for supporting the picnic!

CIBike members volunteered as ride marshalls for two community bike rides in Ventura. CIBikers are also reliable volunteers and participants in many outreach events and city bicycle and park planning processes.

The Cool Breeze Century ride was, once again, enjoyed by nearly 1,000 riders. Proceeds from the Cool Breeze financially supported numerous bicycle programs and organizations, such as BikeVentura, Cycle California Coast, Adventure Cycling, League of American Bicyclists, California Bike Coalition, the donation of bike helmets and lights to 200 people who lost a home in the Thomas Fire, and new Sapwi Bike Park in Thousand Oaks.

We should be proud of all that CIBike has accomplished. We still have a lot to do. I would like CIBike's membership to increase. We have hovered around 300 members for years. There are many more people who would benefit from being part of our club; we can spread the word.

I don't know what 2019 will bring. I do know that I would like to see more people bicycling for daily errands and commuting to work. I know CIBike will be part of the positive changes that can come as we increase cycling, and improve the health of ourselves, our communities, and our environment. Heinz Stücker, who has traveled more widely by bicycle than any other person in history, said *"It is the unknown around the corner that turns my wheels"*. I look forward to turning many corners with you, on two wheels, in the coming year. I wish you a happy and healthy 2019.

Kate Faulkner, President, Channel Islands Bicycle Club

A Few More Messages from Returning Board Members



Dan Mathews Returns to Board as Programs Director

Dan will move from Membership to Programs. He formerly served as President in 2015 and 2016. In coordination with Bill F., he plans on bringing exciting new presentations to the monthly meetings. Our Club is always looking for new material on cycling events, tours, designs and ideas that make the meetings interesting. Please forward any ideas to Programscibike@gmail.com

Soheil Roshan-Zamir Is Our New Membership Director



Soheil has served as Membership Director and Treasurer and in 2019 will return to the membership

position. He is pleased to announce a new membership program for young adults between ages of 18-25 who will receive discounted annual membership fee of \$10. Watch for more info.

Membership.cibike@gmail.com

Looking forward to working with returning Board members Bill Faulkner, Sonia Sandomer, and Margaret Mathews



Thanks to our Chain Chatter contributors – you know who you are!! Big thanks to Dan, proofreader and quality control chief. Send your photos and articles to Editor Margaret: margaretann2105@aol.com

The Channel Islands Bicycle Club Monthly Meetings Are Open to the Public and Feature Special Programs

If you're looking for a fun and interesting evening please come to the CIBike monthly meetings held on the second Wednesday of every month (except August and December, and this year March) at the Museum of Ventura County, 10 E. Main St, Ventura. Arrive at 6:30 for a social gathering with no-host refreshments followed by a presentation at 7:00 p.m. The following pages highlight a few of our informative yet fun meetings that were offered last year and info on the first meeting of 2019. It's going to be a good one so join us and invite your friends!

January 9 Club Meeting Adventure Cycling Presentation by Jim Sayer

Our first meeting of the new year will be a spectacular program. Wednesday, January 9, Jim Sayer, Executive Director of Adventure Cycling, will kick off a 40+ city tour here in Ventura! You know their amazing maps. You may not know that they are the North America's largest bike travel organization with 40 years' experience making cycling safer and more accessible to all. This event is not only for our club members but also is open to the community. Arrive at 6:30 and enjoy a no-host social followed by the 7:00 Adventure Cycling program.

Last year, CIBike board continued its efforts to support cycling advocacy groups by voting to make a financial contribution of \$3000 to Adventure Cycling. In return, the organization agreed to give our members ½ price memberships. The board agreed to pay for up to 133 of these. Members were notified to declare their interest by Dec. 9, 2018.

As a nonprofit organization, Adventure Cycling Association's mission is to inspire people to travel by bicycle. Established in 1973, Adventure Cycling is the premier bicycle-travel organization in North America with more than 40 years of experience. They research and produce cycling maps for the [Adventure Cycling Route Network](#), one of the largest cycling route networks in the world at 47,283 miles and growing. They are also the lead organization working to create an official U.S. cycling route network, the [U.S. Bicycle Route System](#). Once complete, it will be the largest official cycling route network on the planet.



Meet Adventure Cycling Director Jim Sayer

November Club Meeting Bike Touring Tips

November: Ways to Make an Overseas Bike Vacation a Roaring Success

At the November 14 club meeting, members and guests were treated to a presentation on overseas bike travel by three of our experienced traveling cyclists – Dick Bellman, Sonia Sandomer, and Leslie Ogden. If you had attended the meeting you would have enjoyed the entire presentation, but here are a few short summaries.

Bicycling in Italy, by Dick Bellman

June 2018 saw 10 CIBC members traveling to Italy for a 2-week cycling adventure. After discussion it was decided to do a fixed based ride utilizing one or some of the many bicycling hotels found throughout Italy. These hotels can be easily be located through an internet search. These bicycling hotels cater to the needs of cyclists, providing accommodations, meals, bicycles to rent, the service of bike guides as well as almost any amenity that cyclists would require.

We ended up utilizing the Garda Bike Hotel in Peschiera, located at the southern end of Lake Garda. After one week there we transferred to a partner hotel, Hotel Lo Scoiattolo in the Piedmont region of Italy. This was a package, among a variety of choices offered by the Garda Bike Hotel. Our experience was beyond exceptional and I would recommend these two hotels without any reservation.



Dick Bellman shared tips on bike touring in Italy.

Leslie Ogden Provided Recommendations for Bike touring in Japan

Wifi: Use a small portable unit that can be rented in the U.S. or at the airport. Get one for each traveler. Bring a charger for several devices. Devices use the same plugs as here.

GPS: Have rental agent set up your car in English. Program from region to city to street. Keep your phone GPS going as well. Don't trust it too much!

Manners: Shoes - always take them off when entering an abode. You are responsible for your own trash. Bathroom - lots of instructions for many different styles. Be Quiet!!!

Cost Control: Airfare - watch several months out. Erase your browser history! \$660 round trip LAX to Tokyo Narita. Lodging: [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) or Airbnb. Worked short term in smaller markets. Make your reservations ahead of time in cities. \$20-\$50 night/person. Dining: Seven Eleven or Family Meals for 2 meals/day. Good evening meal at a small restaurant \$20-40/person.

Pay In Cash: Get cash from convenience stores. Pay for meals at front cash register. Do not tip waiters or taxi drivers. Bring a second wallet and second set of credit cards.



Leslie shared tips for bike touring in Japan. Here she is shown with traveling friends Bob and Jim.



Sonia Sandomer's Cycling Through Sicily Presentation

Sonia spoke about her cycling adventure in Sicily including fascinating historical and geographical notes. Due to a Chain Chatter production snafu, Sonia's presentation will be published in the Spring newsletter.

October 10 Club Meeting E-Bike Presentation and Demo Rides



The October 10 club meeting was all about e-bikes. Members were able to demo e-bikes in the museum parking lot before the meeting that featured a comprehensive presentation on e-bikes. The demos and presentation were provided by bicycle manufacturer Giant located in Newbury Park. Giant has been building E-Bikes for more than 20 years, and the latest models are powered by Giant's Hybrid Cycling Technology.

Following the demos, attendees were able to enjoy no-host refreshments from 6:30 to 7:00 and inspect an e-bike display. The 7:00 presentation was given by club member Patrick VanHorn who has worked at Giant Bicycle USA for nearly 15 years and in the bicycling industry for over 25 years



We hope you didn't miss these enlightening and entertaining club meetings! Do you have a suggestion for a club presentation? Contact the programs director, Dan Mathews, at Programscibike@gmail.com

September 12: Tren Morris, Pacific Coast Bike Craft, demonstrated how to plan great bike camping trips with kids and adults. The goal is to enjoy self-supported bike trips.

August: No club meeting during August – everyone out supporting our Cool Breeze ride!

July: Phil Casenta of Hyper Cat Racing presented "Bike Fit and Position."

June: BikeVentura introduction by Executive Director Joey Juhasz-Lukomaski.

May: Safe Cycling Locally presentation by Derek Towers, Ventura Bicycle Coordinator.

April: Tour of California presentation

Amgen Tour of California, Ventura

Men's Finish and Women's Start and Finish

Thursday, May 16

We hope you have heard the news. **Amgen will be back to Ventura** in 2019 and it will be even bigger and better than 2018. Ventura will be both the START and FINISH for the first Women's stage of the 2019 Tour. Additionally, the Men will FINISH in Ventura after a morning start in Pismo Beach.

The official announcement:

<https://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com/news/163/152/AMGEN-TOUR-OF-CALIFORNIA-2019-HOST-CITIES-AND-RACE-SCHEDULE-REVEALED>

Club President and Amgen Tour Volunteer Coordinator Kate Faulkner said: "We will need more than double the volunteers that we had last year. Sign-up for volunteering is not open yet. **What you can do now** – Put the date on your calendar! Ask for the day off from work! Tell your friends (they can write us and we will add their name to our mailing list)!"

If you have questions, please contact your local TOC Volunteer coordinators:

Kate Faulkner (kerfaulkner@gmail.com)

Leslie Ogden (leslieogden@me.com)



PHUN TIMES PHOTO GALLERY

December 9 Holiday Festivity

Adventurous club members try following Kate's dance moves.



Photographer
Ron Parker



December Moorpark ride:
Trancas Beach 47-miler



Club member Danny
mountain bikes in Moab



Another
adventure
out of
Moorpark
- Aliso
Canyon
ride



Larry and Kerri on Dennison
Grade Ride

We Are All About the Rides

As a CIBike member you probably already know about the many weekly and special rides that are available starting from the Mission parking lot, Ojai, and Moorpark. Find current ride info on the rides calendar on your club website, www.cibike.org. Thanks to Ride Director Sonia Sandomer for providing us with these adventurous rides. Read about one of our fun rides on this page!

And did you know that Ride with GPS is now available to all club members for free (\$50 value). Use the link below and either sign in (if you're already a member) or sign up for their no-cost membership. From the pull-down menu on the left, select clubs and then CIBike. You'll especially enjoy the voice navigation, and both offline and pdf maps! Big thanks to Mike Stewart for populating this site with our faves: Go to: https://ridewithgps.com/auto_approve/Club/3437/tzgojTXEqKMICVoj

Challenge Accepted!

On December 15, an intrepid group of CIBikers accepted the challenge of biking up Gibraltar Mountain in Santa Barbara County. According to a Roots Rated blog, this challenging bike climb is the most scenic cycling climb in Southern California and is consistently placed on the list of Top 50 world class cycling climbs. It is 3,995 feet from sea level to La Cumbre Peak. But did that intimidate our CIBikers? Heck No! Challenge accepted!



Shown at La Cumbre Peak, ~4,000 ft elevation: John Bayne, Kerri Galgas, Don Abbott, Tim Turpin, Soheil Roshan-Zamir, Kate Faulkner, Bill Faulkner.
Not shown: Steve Light and Jim Teshima made it to the top of Gibraltar.

Kate provided a Relive video/pics of the ride: <https://www.relive.cc/view/rt10002718364>
She mentioned other riders included Sonia, Terry, and Jason Suarez did a portion of the ride.

More Gibraltar photos are on the next page. But before you go –
I would like to thank Kate and Steve Light for providing
photos and info for this dandy article.



Challenge Accepted Gibraltar Photos continued from previous page

No this is not a moonscape. It's a hang glider repository in a secret location somewhere along the Gibraltar bike route.



Short Shifters - Stuff You Want to Know

Our Motto - Keep Crankin'!

- **Spotlight on two big events coming soon!**

1. January 9 -Club meeting featuring Adventure Cycling – see details on page 5.
2. May 16 –Amgen tour of California returns to Ventura and 400-500 CIBike and community volunteers are needed! See page 8 for more info.



- **March Chain Chatter will feature the annual Rides Extravaganza!**

We are looking for all kinds of bike stories – touring, lessons learned, fun stuff, scary stuff, perilous undertakings, and good quality photos. This is your chance to be published in this fine publication! Send your stories, questions, comments to Margaretann2105@aol.com before February 15. Please - no pdf; send only editable word format, photos submitted separately.

- **Club Meeting Schedule:**

February 13 – Presentation on heart health by CMG Heart Aware Program Director.

March – No Meeting!! Go bike riding instead!

- **Ventura Cycles community ride on April 27 for Earth Day Ecofest** in downtown Ventura Plaza Park. Watch for more info on Facebook. www.cibike.org, and weekly emails.

- **Top Ten Bike Laws in California – Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition**

<http://www.sbbike.org/top> ten laws

- **\$5.6M Bike, Pedestrian Pathway Set for Construction in Chula Vista Bayfront**

<https://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/bicycle-pedestrian-pathway-sweetwater-chula-vista-bayfront-project-503067261.html>

- **Bicyclist Travel Issue – a good read!**

<https://mailchi.mp/bicyclist.xyz/new-digital-issue-155-winter-2018-the-travel-issue?e=633b69d434>

- **League of American Bicyclists 2019 National Bike Summit**

https://bikesummit.secure-platform.com/a/page/RFP?utm_source=%21Master+List&utm_campaign=f2a1352ede-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_12_22_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_7b4ab70cf6-f2a1352ede-84025869

- **UPS launches cargo e-bike delivery in Seattle**

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.geekwire.com/2018/ups-launches-cargo-e-bike-delivery-seattle-returning-bicycle-courier-origins-century-later/amp/>



Got a short shifter to share? Send it to the editor and receive a free acknowledgement!

Editor: Margaretann2105@aol.com

18th Annual Lure of the Grapes Club Weekender – October 19-21 2018

Rides through the countryside. Wine tasting. Brilliant autumn trees. Casual BBQ dinner under the lights. Dancing under the stars. Pizza! Strolling around the country fair. This was the 2018 Lure of the Grapes Riding Weekender. For those who weren't able to join this fantastic weekend-away, don't fret! There's always next year's Lure of the Grapes Weekender – put it on your October calendar.



The weekend event started on Friday October 19 with great weather and a popular remote-start ride from the Los Alamos Park. Riders assembled under the giant oak tree before starting out on the 50 mile ride. Later, the group assembled at the Flying Flags RV resort for a casual BBQ dinner followed by dancing under the stars to live music.

On a crisp Saturday morning, cyclists gathered at the Flying Flags courtyard to warm hands at the fire pit and receive the day's ride slips. Adventure choices featured 25, 31, 41 or 51-mile rides but with the same brilliant countryside scenery and plenty of photo op and rest stops. Some of the cyclists stopped at the quaint Los Olivos village to enjoy wine tasting and to stroll around the annual country fair. Later that evening, riders gathered at Flying Flags for the club-sponsored pizza and salad bar party, tastings of local wines, desserts, and dancing under the stars.



The last day of the weekend came too soon but offered a fun, short familiar ride to the Neverland Ranch. Along the way, besides the colorful country-side, riders observed some unusual sights -a few lonely tarantulas ambling along the road, long horn steers and cows staring at the wheeled interlopers, and groves of gnarled yet majestic oak trees.

Thanks to event director Dan Mathews and his crew for arranging the weekend. Special thanks to Mike Stewart who kept us posted with his blog and arranged the daily rides. Dan is already planning next year's Lure of the Grapes so make sure to save an October 2019 weekend. The firm October dates will be announced on the club website, on Facebook and in the illustrious Chain Chatter newsletter.

More Lure Photo Gallery pix on the next page.



Lure of the Grapes Photo Gallery (con't)



More swell photos on next page!

Lure of the Grapes Photo Gallery (continued)





2019 Spring Fling Will Be in Paso Robles At the Great Western Bicycle Rally May 24-27

This year's Spring Fling will be held in Paso Robles

at the Great Western Bicycle Rally,
also known as the Paso Robles Cycling Festival.

We'll have the same great group of fun friends – new and old - camaraderie and group rides. But the routes will be different with road bikes, hybrids or e-bikes. Register soon and arrange your accommodations before the rush. The Oaks Hotel offers discounts for Rally participants. Watch for more info in our club weekly emails, Facebook, and our website www.cibike.org.

Buzz over to this site for more info and to register:

<https://www.greatwesternbicyclerally.com/>

Ventura's Bike Boxes by Derek Towers, Ventura Bicycle Coordinator

BIKE BOXES:

		BENEFITS	USE
<p>A bike box is a designated area at the head of a traffic lane at a signalized intersection that provides bicyclists with a safe and visible way to get ahead of queuing traffic during the red signal phase.</p>	<p>WHEN DRIVING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video and in-ground sensors detect vehicles and initiate a signal response Pedestrians benefit from reduced vehicle encroachment into the crosswalk Groups bicyclists together to clear an intersection quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always stop behind the "WAIT HERE" limit line even when no bicycles present Approach the bike box from the bike lane when turning left or continuing straight
	<p>WHEN BIKING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases visibility of bicyclists Facilitates bicyclist left turn positioning Groups bicyclists together to clear an intersection quickly 	

For more information on bike boxes please visit www.cityofventura.ca.gov/bikeboxes

Example: Intersection of the Five Forks Intersection

Have you seen these bike boxes around town? Not sure how they work?

Check out these benefits and uses for both motorists and bicyclists. These bike boxes can currently be found at the following intersections:

- Main Street at Telephone Road, Telegraph Road, Seaward Avenue, Catalina Street and at Olive Street
- Santa Clara Street at Ventura Avenue and Stanley Avenue
- Telephone Road at Montgomery Avenue
- Petit Avenue at Telephone Road
- Day Road at Loma Vista and Foothill Road

Stay safe and please share the road!

BikeVentura Opens Oxnard Bike HUB On November 6

BikeVentura announced the November 6 opening of the Oxnard Bike HUB at 621 Richmond Ave. The Hub will open on Tuesdays from 12-4pm at [Community Action of Ventura County](http://www.communityactionventura.org), providing do-it-yourself bike repair to Community Action clients and the public. BikeVentura staff will be on site with tools and expertise to help people fix their bikes or better outfit them to carry their goods.

A bicycle may be the only option for many clients for getting to work, school, or essential services, and our low or no-cost services will keep these accessible, while also teaching skills that promote independence.

Using the shop will be low cost (\$5 an hour) but clients will have the option to volunteer and earn store credit. This worktrade program has been extremely successful at our Ventura Bike HUB, where we've seen customers earn enough credit to buy a complete bicycle. Community members can also donate stand time on behalf of Community Action clients.

How can you can support the Oxnard Bike HUB?

By **donating** your bikes or bike parts to the program anytime during the open hours of Community Action: 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday. We'll either fix it up with the help of volunteers or use the parts to keep repair costs low.

By **volunteering** – We also welcome anyone interested in volunteering to show up during open hours to help with repairs or organizing

By **contributing cash** toward free stand time for the homeless or near-homeless. If you make a donation to BikeVentura and specify it is for "Community Action Stand Time" your dollars equal free assistance with repairs for clients of community action.



BikeVentura Was Named Ventura's 2018 NonProfit of the Year

BikeVentura Executive Director Joey wrote: "We're so honored to announce that BikeVentura has been selected for the Poinsettia Award for Nonprofit of the Year by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, which recognizes an organization whose activities and accomplishments have impacted and improved the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Ventura. So many organizations have done so much to help our City and community recover, and to be counted among them is humbling. We look forward to continuing to serve the citizens of Ventura and make it a safer place for people who want to experience our city on a bike, on foot, or any mode of transportation."

New Rides! Collaborating for a Santa Clara River Trail.

Part 1 of 2 by Nina Danza, Sierra Club Ventura Chair

Why isn't there a bike trail along the Santa Clara River?

It's longer than, more scenic than and has a more people living near it than any other river corridor in Ventura County. Exactly the question Nina Danza, Ventura Sierra Club, raised during the current levee project, known as SCR-1 (Santa Clara River Reach 1), proposed by the county watershed protection district. "This river is the greatest environmental feature in our county, longer than the beaches and more dynamic than the mountains," states Ms. Danza, "but how do we expect people to value it if there is no public access?"

For years, Ms. Danza has been raising awareness about the Santa Clara River. Now others are joining the movement. A wide variety of local parties are participating in the SCR-1 project to lobby the county to add recreation and education benefits. Originally limited to a levee 'rehabilitation' which involves paving the south bank from Hwy 101 to Central Avenue for flood control, local leaders have expressed a strong desire for a bike path, an outdoor classroom-amphitheater and river nature trail. The county agreed to consider these features as 'betterments'. The features are not promised, however, until approvals are obtained such as by the Army Corps of Engineers and funding streams are identified.

Public collaboration is a must to make this bike path a reality. If you want to ride along a spectacular natural route with views to Topa Topa, alive with riparian plant and animal life, say so during the SCR-1 public meetings coming up in 2019. Get on board with Nina Danza, prettycheapjewelry@gmail.com



Architectural concept for proposed SCR-1 trail looking upstream from Rio Del Sol Academy.



Architectural concept for proposed SCR-1 features an amphitheater built into the levee.

SHOW OFF YOUR YELLOW PEDAL POWER!!!!

Wear your jersey on every first Saturday ride!

Proudly wear your club jersey on the first Saturday of every month
to exert your yellow pedal power!

Don't have a jersey? No worries!

Jerseys, matching socks, and a few club jackets are available for purchase.

We even have CIBike water bottles! Contact Dan Mathews to buy your Yellow Pedal Power.



Important Calendar of Events

January 9 – General Club Meeting

Special Adventure Cycling program – open to the public! See page 5 for details.
No-host social prior to the 7:00 presentation by Executive Director Jim Sayer.

January 31 – Three Harbors Tour – details in Ride Calendar

February 10 – CPR and First Aid Training, free for members.
Sign up on club website www.cibike.org.

February 13 – General Club Meeting — Presentation on heart health

February 15 – The March Chain Chatter will feature the Annual Rides Extravaganza so
send your ride adventures by February 15. We are looking for members' fun and
adventurous rides. Send editable word documents to Margaretann2105@aol.com.

March – No Club Meeting in March

April 27 – Ventura Cycles Community Ride for Earth Day – be on the alert for more info.

May – National Bike Month! Lots of fun activities and events. Watch for details in weekly
newsletters, club website, and club Facebook page.

May 16 - Tour of Amgen comes to Ventura! 400-500 volunteers – members and
community friends – are needed. Please keep an eye out for the sign-up instructions.

**May 24-27 - Spring Fling will be at the Paso Robles Great American Bicycle Rally
instead of Buellton.** See article on page 16. Get your accommodations early. Details in
weekly emails, website and on Facebook.

Check the ride calendar for weekly rides from Ventura, Moorpark, and Ojai,