

The Naval Postgraduate School Foundation Cycling Club Quarterly Newsletter: Spring 2011





NPS Racers have strong showing at the Sea Otter Classic

The inaugural Sea Otter Classic, originally called the Laguna Seca Challenge, was held on April 6 and 7, 1991. The event totaled 350 athletes and 150 spectators. Fast forward and the 21st Annual Sea Otter Classic is a four-day “Celebration of Cycling” that welcomes nearly 10,000 athletes and 50,000 race fans and other bicycle enthusiasts. This is the premier racing event for the NPS cycling club and this past April, 26 NPS racers competed and represented the school with pride. The NPS colors were seen in most of the races to include our youngest member, Devin Donnell (age 10), who completed the 40 mile Coastal Route Gran Fondo. The top honors for the weekend go to Bill Dean who won his age group CAT 2 cross country mountain bike race and took second in the CAT 5 road race.



During the races NPS cycling members and their families, in conjunction with +3 Network and the Semper Fi Fund, worked in the infield of Laguna Seca cleaning bikes. These bikes were cleaned free of charge but donations were accepted and given to the Semper Fi Fund. The Semper Fi Fund provides immediate financial support for injured and critically ill members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families and it was an honor for us to be able to provide support for their cause.

Cycling Club rides to San Francisco

More than 35 intrepid cyclists took to the highway on May 13th, 2011 to enjoy the scenery and company of their fellow riders, traveling more than 125 miles to San Francisco. The annual ride began outside the gates of NPS and wound its way along the coastal highway. Along the way volunteers supported the ride with food, water and mechanical support, if needed, which allowed the riders the opportunity travel all day. Aside from minor setbacks with a missed turn here and there, the club arrived in San Francisco, stopping at the Marine Memorial Club where they feasted



Riders make their way along the coast



The "A" Group arrives

and reveled on their accomplishments of the day. Well done to all riders who completed the event and we hope to see even more participation next year.



Enjoying the post ride camaraderie



Local community goes out of its way to make us feel welcomed

The local hospitality of the residents of Pebble Beach has become a staple of our Friday morning rides. Club co-founder Gary “Quail” Laughlin and his wife Sandy have gone out of their way to ensure the club has the opportunity to meet with and enjoy the company of some of the most gracious hosts within the Pebble Beach community. On June 10th, the club’s Hosted Friday Social Ride to the Charles’ house was no exception. Glenn and Angela Charles opened their home to 40 of the club’s members and treated us like family. They filled us up on pastries, fresh fruit and as much coffee and Red Bull as we could consume, preparing us for the 15 mile ride back to NPS. We thank them very much for their hospitality and friendship and hope we can return the favor one day.



Glenn and Angela Charles pose for a photo with the club

Saying Goodbye to club members and good friends

Last quarter brought about a new chapter in the club’s young history. We said goodbye to some good friends, who helped shape the club into what it is today, and said hello to new members who were passed the torch to continue the club’s legacy. On June 2, during a bonfire BBQ at Carmel beach, the club’s new president, Dave O’Hearn, recognized key members who were leaving us.



Coach COL Lemire says goodbye to the club

Former president, Bill Dean, Vice President, Cameron Ingram, Treasurer, Jared

Sweetser, and race coach, COL Guy Lemire received gifts and praise from the club for their support over the past 18 months.

Their love of the club and dedication to make it better are a couple of the reasons we are so successful today. We wish them all well with their future careers and look forward to hearing from them soon.



Bill Dean Receives a going away gift in appreciation of his hard work



Riding Laguna Seca



Riders prepare for the circuit race

Where else but in Monterey can everyday cyclists ride along a world class race course? One evening a month Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca opens up its gates to cyclists of all abilities and ages providing them a unique opportunity that must be experienced to be understood. Bicycle riders can experience the thrill of pedaling the race track that includes a challenging 300-foot climb and an awe-inspiring descent down the world-famous Corkscrew. On May 18th the NPS Cycling Club had the opportunity to host this ride and did not disappoint any of the riders who came out. During the course of the evening there were several races for all ages to include a 6 lap adult circuit race and a children's sprint race. Prizes were handed out for the top three finishers of the circuit race and the cycling club's own Igor Stepanov took second place. Everyone who came out thoroughly enjoyed themselves and most commented that they would be back for a future ride. We hope to see new and returning faces out there in the near future.



NPS cyclists pose in front of our logo displayed on Laguna Seca's board

Future Events:

We have a busy summer and fall ahead of us and are looking forward to the ample opportunities. The McCall Motorworks is our next "big" event that we hope to get max participation with. It is a great opportunity for us to get our name out into the community, while raising funds for the club's operating costs, as well as see some pretty awesome cars and planes.

McCall Motorworks – 17 August 2011 (Contact Dave Marino at drmarino@nps.edu for more information)

Pacific Grove Triathlon – 9 to 11 September 2011

Twilight Rides at Laguna Seca - August 10, September 14, October 19, November 16 & December 14 (Hosts TBD)

CCCX Road Races – 30 July, 14 August, 3 September, 1 October

CCCX Cyclocross – 10 & 25 September, 2, 16 & 22 October, 20 November

Ride to Cambria – Date TBD



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Club Ride Schedule:

Sunday: Group training rides starting at 1300 (Starbucks off of HWY 68)

Tuesday: Group training ride starting at 1600 (Loc TBD, times may change due to SGLs)

Wednesday: Social No-Drop “Scoop” ride at 1700 (Del Monte Gate Parking Lot)

Friday: Social No-Drop ride at 0730 (Del Monte Gate Parking Lot)

NPS Cycling Club Board Members

President:	Dave O'Hearn
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The Naval Postgraduate School Foundation Cycling Club is comprised of approximately 50 active and almost 300 legacy military members attending the Naval Postgraduate School or Defense Language Institute in Monterey, their spouses, instructors, or local supporters. Our events range from weekly social rides through the Monterey Peninsula to assisting local volunteer efforts. As military officers and cyclists, we are active in the community and represent all of our sponsors with the utmost in integrity and healthy lifestyle image. We have roughly 25-35 member turnover each year; with club members relocating throughout the United States and abroad to conduct their military service.

