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February 2002 Newsletter

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Just some ol' picture I had laying around  
(Sub Rock at Sedona)

### This Month's Top Stories

- Message From The President
- Current Trail Access Issue Information
  
- Some of the usual stuff
- Handy addresses

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hey again everybody. Are you all surviving this harsh Southern California winter? You'd think that everyone would be taking advantage of this great weather and that we'd have these huge groups showing up for our club rides lately...not! The Peck and I were the only people getting peppered with marshmallows, silly string and shaving cream on the parade route on New Year's Eve and only a handful of people have been showing up on weekend rides-even when the weather's great. Only The Peck (again) and Martin VanDerVeen (who lives in freaking New Jersey dammit) showed up for an out of the ordinary ride like Aliso/Wood Canyon in Laguna last weekend. Someone who

did show up at Aliso was former PMBC member, Ray Riddell, who we haven't seen in about 8 years since he got married and moved down to OC. He saw on the PMBC website that we had a ride scheduled in his neck of the woods and came out to join us. It was good to see him again and since he was wearing an old school PMBC jersey and still riding his retro Trek 990 (circa 1991), he looked just like I remembered him-except he wasn't kicking my ass up the climbs like the old days. I'm definitely slower then I was then but I think Orange County didn't help Ray keep his old climbing form either. I guess the rest of you couldn't make it out to these recent rides because

you are in hibernation or maybe some people are not gonna show until they renew their club memberships? Whatever. We'll have fun without you and even The Peck is out riding through the winter to get back into shape so that he can taunt me through another summer of painful climbs. I'll show him. He wasn't feeling so frisky when I dropped his reubenesque figure on the climb up the Mathis trail in Laguna last Saturday. I guess he didn't like that back tire I got him. Show up to some rides soon, while he's still slow.



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That still unemployed (like me) Peck has been showing up to the PMBC meetings lately, so you can always catch him there to talk some smack if you'd like. Your next chance is on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. We're still getting together at Fuddrucker's Restaurant in Hastings Ranch to set our next month's ride schedule, eat some good food and wager on Tony's body fat percentage. Again, you can also fork over your PMBC membership or your deposits on the next round of stylish PMBC jerseys that should be here just in time for the next racing season. You can also meet the new Pasadena Mountain Bike Club Racing Team Manager, Robert Baraga, since he'll be waiting to sign up new team members at the meeting.



Another meeting topic will be the status of trail work with the Mount Wilson Bicycling Association. They did have a workday scheduled in January at La Tuna but they got rained out. They did reschedule the same project for February and, hopefully, will have their schedule worked out for the remainder of the year. I also hope that means scheduling their Annual Pancake Breakfast and Schwag Raffle because we all love the schwag! Helping the MWBA and eating the pancakes is cool too. Call them at (626) 795-3836 for the latest scheduling skinny.

By the next meeting I'll probably have more news on the status of the proposed new Wilderness areas in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests. I was contacted by Jim Hasenauer of IMBA late last year to get local, mountain bike groups' feedback on bike usage of some areas of the forests that might be made into new Wilderness areas. This is a really big deal because bikes are not currently allowed in designated Wilderness areas and some of the areas they want to shut us out of include; Strawberry Peak, The West Fork (including Fish Canyon and Stone Cabin Flat), Condor Peak, Pleasant View (including the ever-so-sweet, Burkhart Trail near the Devil's Punchbowl) and Sheep Mountain on the east side of Mount Baldy. The proponents of this Wilderness designation want this protection to keep these areas free from logging, mining, and other new development but there are other, lesser levels of protection that achieve the same goal without shutting out mountain bikers who also want to protect the forests. If you ride any of these areas (and I know that a lot of you especially ride Strawberry) and you want to keep riding them, contact Senator Barbara Boxer's office (who's working with this proposal) or Jim at IMBA (IMBAJim@aol.com). Tell them that you ride these areas and how often you do because the Senator's office does not want to shut bikers out of the areas that are actually being ridden. They need your feedback. We all need your feedback. The great guys in the Warrior's Society down in Orange County were able to successfully block a new Wilderness designation in their area so let's get some support to do the same up here. Pass the word. I hope everyone who rides in the Angeles is already aware of this situation. Look for scheduled PMBC rides in these areas soon so we can truthfully say that we ride there. Since I'm still unemployed, I plan to make as many of the meetings on this as I can also, and fight the power!



I guess that's enough good news for this month. Just remember that it's February already. Get off your butts, renew your memberships and come out and ride before winter really shows up.

Hasta,

**Martin**



Martin... "Is this my better side?"

# Forest Issues

Here's some handy information provided by The Warrior's Society regarding current trail access issues in small print so it all fits:

## !!FOREST PLAN MEETING ALERT!!!

Yesterday, Saturday January 12th, Warrior's Society Director of Planning and Policy Chris Vargas, attended the Forest Plan meeting for the Trabuco District of the Cleveland National Forest, which borders Riverside and Orange County. These meetings will be held in January and February to discuss the Forest Plan for the Cleveland, Angeles, Las Padres and San Bernardino National Forests.



The focus of the meeting I attended was to discuss the Proposed Action on the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) for the Trabuco District in Orange and Riverside Counties. What this plan determines is what portions of the forest are designated for particular types of activity, or spectrum of activities. We viewed the Proposed Action and we were then given colored stars to put on the map with our suggestions on changing the plan. This process of getting the public's input on changes was called the "Preferred Plan" The categories were:

1. Primitive (P) - Area is characterized by essentially unmodified natural environment of fairly large size. Recreational motorized or mechanical use is not permitted. Wilderness areas are examples of this ROS designation. If you wanted areas changed to this ROS designation you put Red Stars on those areas. Some participants used all of their red stars in an attempt to have the forest plan designate areas that contain the multi-use / non-motorized trails in the Trabuco District to this ROS. Cabin lease holders would find their leases threatened with this designation.

2. Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized (SPNM) - Area is characterized by a predominantly natural or natural-appearing environment of moderate to large size. Although mountain biking is permitted in this ROS, wilderness areas could be compatible with this designation and mountain bikers should seek a clarification on this ROS to eliminate confusion. Much of the area that contains the multi-use / non-motorized trails in the Trabuco and Blue Jay areas fall under this ROS. If you wanted to change the ROS designation you put Green Stars on these areas. Cabin lease holders could find their leases threatened with this designation. Cabin owners should seek a clarification on this designation.

3. Semi-Primitive Motorized (SPM) - Area is characterized by a predominately natural or natural appearing environment of moderate to large size. Areas that are put in this ROS designation are not good candidates for wilderness areas. This designation is the one that most mountain bikers may feel the most comfortable with in areas already designated as this ROS. This designation would not make it easier to build roads or convert existing trails to roads - but keep the status quo. If you wanted to change the ROS designation of these areas you put Blue Stars on these areas. This designation is compatible for cabin lease holders and best describes the Trabuco Canyon area leading to and around the Holy Jim Trail.

4. Roaded Natural (RN) - Area is characterized by predominately natural-appearing environments with moderate evidences of the sights of man. If you wanted to change the ROS designation of these areas you put Yellow Stars on these areas.

5. Rural (R) - Area is characterized by substantially modified natural environment. If you wanted to change the ROS designation of these areas you put Silver Stars on these areas.

I cannot stress enough the importance of mountain bikers and all recreational users to attend this portion of the planning process to protect the National Forests in Southern California and your right to responsibly enjoy them. If you are not there to protect your freedom to responsibly mountain bike the forest, changes can be made by pro-wilderness activists to change areas with a mountain bike friendly ROS designation to one that is hostile to mountain biking. Ms. Wynn, the Public Affairs officer for the Cleveland National Forest, expressed her pleasure to see a mountain biker attend the meetings since they usually have none in attendance!

Meetings are now being held in January and February for the four National Forests in Southern California.

Below is the information you need to be informed and to attend those meetings in the National Forest near you. Please forward this email to every citizen you know who wants to protect their National Forests in Southern California as well as their freedom to responsibly enjoy them.

### Meeting Schedule

Angeles National Forest  
Date and Time Location

February 4, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm Comfort Suites  
25380 The Old Road  
Stevenson Ranch, CA

February 5, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm Ramada Inn  
300 West Palmdale Blvd.  
Palmdale, CA

February 6, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
1543 Barbara Street  
Wrightwood, CA

February 13, 2002  
6:00-8:00 pm Pasadena Conference Center  
300 East Green St  
Pasadena, CA

Cleveland National Forest  
Date and Time Location

Descanso Ranger District  
February 2, 2002  
12:30-3:30 pm Chula Vista Literacy Team Center  
389 Orange Avenue  
Chula Vista, CA  
February 9, 2002

Trabuco Ranger District  
Corona Public Library  
9:30 am-12:30 pm  
650 S. Main Street  
Corona, CA

Los Padres National Forest  
Date and Time Location

Ojai Ranger District  
January 24, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm Rancho del Rey Conference Center  
655 Burnham Road  
Oakview, CA

Santa Lucia Ranger District  
January 28, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm South County Regional Center  
800 West Branch St  
Arroyo Grande, CA

Santa Barbara Ranger District  
January 29, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm Goleta Valley Community Center  
5679 Hollister Ave  
Goleta, CA

Monterey Ranger District  
February 5, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park Conference Center  
Highway 1  
Big Sur, CA

Monterey Ranger District  
February 6, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm Salinas Community Center  
Gabilan Meeting Room  
940 North Main Street  
Salinas, CA

San Bernardino National Forest  
Date and Time Location

February 5, 2002  
6:30-9:30 pm Bonnie Oehl Elementary School  
2525 Palm Ave  
Highland, CA

Front country & Cajon Pass, San Bernardino County

February 6, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm Idyllwild Fire Dept. Conference Room  
54160 Maranatha Rd.  
Idyllwild, CA  
Idyllwild & areas to the north, Riverside County

February 7, 2002  
6:30-9:30 pm Hootman Senior Community Ctr.  
2929 Running Springs School Road  
Running Springs, CA  
Mountaintop communities west of Deep Creek, San Bernardino County

February 12, 2002  
6:00-9:00 pm Anza Valley Community Center  
56630 Highway 371  
Anza, CA  
Federal lands surrounding Anza, Riverside County

For information: [www.r5.fs.fed.us/sccs](http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/sccs)

Forest Plan Update Toll-free information line (recording) (866) 252-8846

Forest Plan Update Public Affairs Office (858) 524-0140

Angeles National Forest Public Affairs Office (626) 574-5206

Cleveland National Forest Public Affairs Office (858) 674-2984

Los Padres National Forest Public Affairs Office (805) 968-6640

San Bernardino National Forest Public Affairs Office (909) 383-5588



## Rides and Events



Ray, Dan, Martin, and Gina in front, then The Humongous Peck, Brian, Reuben, John Khao, Mike(?) Fofa, Mark

*Helmets required on ALL rides!  
Call the RideLine at (626) 577-RACE for info*

**Sunday February 3** – Sawpit to Fish Canyon, Monrovia. Ride Leader – Martin Gomez

**Wednesday February 6** – Club Meeting at Fuddruckers Restaurant in Hastings Ranch, 7:30pm.

**Saturday February 9** – Beginner Ride. Meet at Pasadena Cyclery at 8:30am. Ride Leader – Scott Dayman

**Sunday February 10** – Brown Mountain/El Prieto Trail Loop, Altadena. Ride Leader – Tony Quiroz

**Saturday February 16** – Strawberry Peak, ANF. Ride Leader – John Khao

**Saturday February 23** – Meet at Pasadena Cyclery at 8:30am. Ride Leader – Scott Dayman

**Sunday February 24** – Lower Sam Merrill/Sunset Ridge/El Prieto Trail Loop, Altadena. Ride Leader – Doug Sullivan

\* ANF=Forest Adventure Pass required

## Classifieds

**GT LTS2000-DS** – 18" Red Aluminum Frame, RockShox Judy XL Triple-Clamp Forks, Fox adjustable shock, fresh tires, in great shape. Upgrades include XTR V-Brakes. Bike has been very well-maintained, clean, and best of everything. Definitely the best value you'll find in a serious off-road mountain bike for this price, fun to ride & great performance. Originally retailed around \$1800. Need to make room for new bike, after I bought Martin's. \$850.00. Call Mark at 714-343-8799 (cell) or e-mail at [mthome@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mthome@ix.netcom.com). (12/2001)



**For Rent: Serfas Bike Cases** – \$20 per use. I have two of these cases available for rent. Each case will hold one bike, includes a copy of breakdown & shipping instructions. Two sheets of egg-carton foam in each case protects your pride & joy from over-zealous shipping gorillas. You pick 'em up at my place in Costa Mesa, and bring 'em back after you're done using them. Call Mark at 714-343-8799 (cell) or e-mail at [mthome@ix.netcom.com](mailto:mthome@ix.netcom.com). (12/2001)



**2000 GT XCR 1500** – Small (14.5" effective) size frame. Rasta (Black w/Red/Yellow/Green accents) paint

job on Easton ProGram aluminum frame. Manitou X-Vert shock w/100mm travel, Fox float RC rear shock w/4.75" rear wheel travel. Other components: Shimano XT 9-Speed shifters/V-brake levers, V-brakes, front derailleur and 12-34 MegaRange cassette, XTR rear derailleur, LX crankset, M-545DH SPD pedals, Chris King (Rasta) NoThreadset, Syncros stem and seatpost, Hugi hubs, Mavic rims w/DT DB spokes-radially laced and Salsa skewers. Built this bike up for my wife and she has not ridden it (except for down the block once) so out it goes! Only the fork and wheels have low miles on them. Everything else is brand new! Would cost about \$2500 to build it this way (with the fork and wheel upgrade from the stock XCR1500). I'm asking \$1500-like the other bikes I'm selling (it's easier to remember that way). Great full-suspension bike for someone between 5'2" and 5'6".  
 martin@pmbc.org (909)596-6603  
 (11/2601)

events. New would cost almost \$2200. Buy mine for \$1500.  
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 (11/2001)

**1997 Blue Stumpjumper M2** – M2 X butted Metal Matrix Ceramic Composite Chassis (20% stiffer, 8% stronger). Manitou Pro Fork with coil/MCU-sprung suspension with Specialized Stout front hub. Shimano Deore XT/Deore LX Derailleurs and LX SL Rapidfire shifters. New forged Son of StrongArm crank. Avid "Single Digit" cold-forged linear pull brakes with Speed Dial brake levers. Specialized Team Control/Team Master Kevlar bead tires, Mavic 238 rims and Ritchey spokes. Made in U.S.A. Upgrades include Kore Stem & Shimano DH Pedal (or Ritchey Logic Clipless). 20.5" Frame. Like New. \$650 OBO. Call John at 310-407-7040.

**18" steel hardtail mtb frame** – \$199 or best offer. Call Doug Sullivan 626-683-8327 or e-mail hardtailmtnbiker@yahoo.com or MtWilsonmtnbiker@cs.com

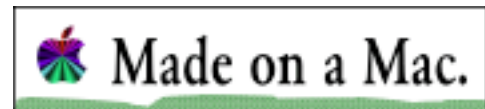


**2000 GT Zaskar LE** – Medium (16" center to center) frame in GT team colors (Blue and Yellow). Fits riders from 5'7" to about 6'. Super light frame made of Easton Program Elite Aluminum tubing – one of the last ones made in GT's own Santa Ana, California plant. Decked out with hardly-used components: '01 Rock Shox Judy SL fork, Shimano XTR Mega-9 rear derailleur, XT 9-speed shifters and front derailleur, LX Hollowtech crankset and 11-34 cassette, Formula Evoluzione hydraulic disc brakes, Wilderness Trail Bikes Momentum Disc Brake Wheelset with Laser Beam rims, Syncros Hardcore headset, hinged stem, 1" rise bars and seatpost. Your choice of DH or XC tires and Time or SPD-type pedals. Less than 10 rides on it. Great dual sport hardtail that Mountain Biking magazine called the "King of the Hardtails."

## *PMBC RideLine*

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Run fatty DH tires and a short stem and use it for slalom or hucking. Switch to a longer stem and XC knobs and you're racing the same bike Alison Dunlap races in World Cup

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## PMBC Membership Application

What are your interests?

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 racing class:  beginner  sport  expert  semi/pro

new members: \$25 (jan-mar), \$18.75 (apr-jun)  
 \$12.50 (jul-sep), \$6.25 (oct-dec)

old members: \$15 (jan-mar), \$12.50 (apr-jun)  
 (renewals) \$6.25 (jul-sep), slacker!(oct-dec)

mail checks only to: PMBC Membership 1670 E. Walnut Pasadena, CA 91106

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