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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are at the start of a brand new year. Time again to talk about New Year's resolutions to be made and the ones we broke last year. Time also for me to remind you all to renew your Pasadena Mountain Bike Club membership. It's also time to be thankful that we were able to share a great year of

riding last year that did not include any major injuries for anyone we know and, except for the national tragedies we all faced together, went pretty well. Personally, I rode quite a bit in 2001 and spent a lot of time with my kids. More than I had planned on in the last quarter of the year due the sale of

GT and subsequently being laid off. It was good though because I really got to experience a lot of firsts with my 18 month-old daughter. Hopefully now that the year is over the bike companies can see how things went and start hiring people again. That might break up the sort-of-weekly, GT unemployment ride that I've been enjoying with some people from the company that are in the same boat as me however. I'm sure we'll get over it.



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Right after I lost my job, I was contacted by Jim Hasenauer from IMBA to get feedback (from a local riding group) about some proposed new Wilderness areas in the Angeles National Forest. Apparently a wilderness advocacy group has been pushing for the extension of some existing Wilderness areas and the addition of some new ones. Their reason is to protect these areas from new mining, logging or other development. The only problem I (and most mountain bikers) have with that is the fact that bikes are not currently allowed in Wilderness areas even though the original wording of the Wilderness Act does not mention bikes at all! Jim and I got to meet with a representative of Senator Barbara

Boxer's office to find out if anyone rides in these areas. We definitely told them that we ride these areas and to keep us in there. Jim said that in other parts of the state, they got feedback from other bike clubs as to which of the proposed areas were ridden regularly.



They took that data and either redrew the boundaries of these proposed Wilderness areas, opted for a lesser level of protection (that offers the same protection against the mining, logging and development but doesn't ban bikes), or just withdrew the area completely from consideration. The Warrior's Society down in Orange County won a major victory in stopping one of these new Wilderness areas from happening in their mountains. The areas they are targeting in our area include Condor Peak and Strawberry Peak nearest to Pasadena. Another area is in the West Fork area of the San Gabriel River (including Fish Canyon – and all its quarries – and Stone Cabin flat just east of the Van Tassel Motorway). Out east there is a Sheep Mountain Wilderness (which includes the fire road from Lytle Creek up to Mt. Baldy) area proposed. And last, there is a proposed Pleasant View Wilderness (which includes the Burkhart and South Fork trails just south of the Devil's Punchbowl) up in the north end of the Angeles near Palmdale. These are all prime riding areas that many of us ride at least monthly – especially Strawberry Peak

because it's the closest to Pasadena. The others are close to other mountain bikers though and the word needs to get out. Riders need to contact their Senators about this and let them know that we ride these areas and as taxpayers, we're just as entitled to the use of these public lands as the people sponsoring these changes. Don't let them forget that we are also for conservation and if they ever change the rules that keep bikes out of the Wilderness, they'll again a few million supporters to their cause nationwide. They shouldn't keep the cyclists on the other side of this issue. If you want to answer this call to arms, contact Jim Hasenauer at IMBA (IMBAJIM@aol.com) or Senator Boxer's office. The proponents of this campaign are the California Wild Heritage Campaign. You can check out their maps of the proposed areas at www.californiawild.org. Check it out.

hold my breath. In case you don't know where Hastings Ranch is, it's at the corner of Foothill and Rosemead Blvd and Fuddrucker's is just past Sears.

That's all of my rants for this month, so I'll catch you on the trail.

Later,

Martin



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



You can check out my copies of these maps at the next PMBC meeting. That's on the first Wednesday of the month at Fuddrucker's Restaurant in Hastings Ranch at 7:30pm. We'll be talking about that issue, planning February's rides and maybe getting deposits for new PMBC jerseys-which we should be getting in May. They should run about \$50-60 and will probably be available I short sleeved and sleeveless. Hopefully you'll be able to meet new Team Manager, Robert Baraga, at the meeting and join up for the '02 racing effort. I hope to have good news about trail work with the Mount Wilson Bicycling Association too but I won't



Winter riding & Club stuff

by Scott Dayman

Now that Martin's started the New Year membership nag-till-ya-join drive, you're probably asking why you should join. Here are a few good reasons, including a way to get your membership money back:

1) PMBC members get to buy and wear cool jerseys that won't hurt your eyes, like the OTB jerseys do. Martin staked us out a spot in line to have our jerseys made in the middle of this year. He's one of those guys who line up WAY in advance to see a movie. Heck, he's probably in line right now to see Lord of the Rings...TWO!

We order just enough for current members who leave deposits on the jerseys, plus a few extras. We can't afford stock a huge supply of jerseys, even though it seems that any extras we have get snatched up shortly after we get them. So join now, and start saving up for the jerseys so you can look cool, too.

2) The rides and events. If you're not a member, we don't know how to get a hold of you to let you know what's happening, and what's not happening. If you have e-mail, Martin sends out info on special rides he has coming up. If you like Zap, we ride with him every once in a while. If you don't like Zap, you can show up just to mock him.

3) The discounts! Even if you're a brand new member and pay the full \$25, YOU! TOO! CAN! GET! YOUR! MONEY! BACK!!!

Our sponsors love to see PMBC members in their shops. So much so that they'll give you a 10% discount. You might have to twist a few arms at times, and if that fails, try whining. And DON'T forget your membership card! Forrest is hard at work

making membership cards for the 2002 members. This way, our sponsors know that you've earned a discount.

So...if you're slightly bike obsessed and paid the maximum \$25 for a membership, when you've bought \$250 worth of goodies, you've just saved that \$25 you paid for your membership.

Trust me, it doesn't take long to spend \$250 at a shop. Shoes and clipless pedals get you about half way. A wheelset can get you all the way. A new riding wardrobe will also get you about half way.

Even if you don't spend the \$250, it always feels good to get a discount. But if you spend *more* than \$250, it's like they're paying YOU to be a member. It just doesn't get better than that.

So...winter riding. Visions of muddy trails, freezing rain, and general unpleasantness. Obviously, you haven't been out riding lately. It's GREAT!

Remember during the summer how it was so hot, and everybody complained? We started holding the beginner rides a half hour earlier just to try to beat the heat. Right now that's not a problem. It's like summer riding, but without the heat. The trails are dry, the views are spectacular, and you can ride forever without dying from heat exhaustion.

I even rode to work yesterday for the first time in a month or two. It was a little chilly, so I wore a light jacket in the morning. It was great to get out for a ride. Especially now, before the weather REALLY gets gloomy. So catch us on one of our last rides of the year. I'm going to try to squeeze in two last rides this year.

Ok, I've rambled on long enough, and the page is now full. Happy trails!

Rides and Events



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

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

Tuesday January 1 – New Year's Day Mt. Wilson Hillclimb, Pasadena. Any Takers?

Wednesday January 2 – Club Meeting at Fuddrucker's Resraurant in Hastings Ranch at 7:30 pm.

Saturday January 5 – Brown Mountain. Altadena. Ride Leader – Tony The Peck.

Saturday January 12 – Beginner Ride. Meets at Pasadena Cyclery at 8:30 am. Ride Leader – Scott Dayman.

Sunday January 13 – Mount Hillyer (I know it's gonna be cold), ANF. Ride Leader – John Khao.

Saturday January 19 – Aliso/Wood Canyon Park, Laguna Hills. Ride Leader – Martin Gomez.

Saturday January 26 – Beginner Ride. Meets at Pasadena Cyclery at 8:30 am. Ride Leader – Scott Dayman.

Sunday January 27 – Inspiration Point, ANF. Ride Leader – Ray Herrera.

* 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. (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. (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".
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events. New would cost almost \$2200. Buy mine for \$1500.
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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

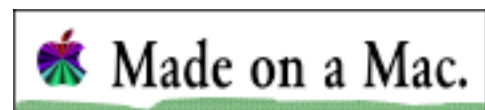


2000 GT Zaskar LE – Medium (16" center to center) frame in GT team colors (Blue and Yellow). Fits riders from 5'7" to about 6'. Super light frame made of Easton Program Elite Aluminum tubing – one of the last ones made in GT's own Santa Ana, California plant. Decked out with hardly-used components: '01 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."

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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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 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)

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