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## LWCF PASSES

In October, the President signed the FY 2001 Interior Appropriations Bill, which included \$450 million for federal LWCF, \$90 million for stateside LWCF, and \$30 million for UPARR. The bill also includes the Title VIII provision, dedicating \$12 billion in conservation funding during the next five years (please see last Thursday's AHR email for the specifics of the proposal).

Obviously, with the signing of the Interior Bill, passage of CARA in the 106th Congress becomes

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## BBTC XMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars for early December! Well, not quite yet. There will be a BBTC Xmas party, but it hasn't been scheduled yet. Check the hotline (206-283-2995) or the website (bbtc.org) for info. This is the BBTC's Annual Knobby Awards and Holiday Party. It



will be a potluck affair, so bring your favorite entree, side, or dessert. Bring drinks! As usual, there will be a gift exchange. Please bring a bike related item—wrapped—for the gift exchange that has some practical, humorous, or artistic value (no junk). Donations to the trail fund will be accepted at the door. The party starts at 6pm, the Knobby Awards will be presented at 7pm. Send your nominations for Best Land Manager, Best Supporting Bike Shop, Best Trail Volunteer, Best Trail Steward or other "Best Awards" to Nancy McKinnon (NancyAMcKinnon@cs.com).

## COMMUTING TIPS

In addition to mountain biking whenever we can, many of us use our bikes to commute. We had a great stretch of weather in October, but now we're mired in those months that make commuting tough, those dark wet months when even the most committed bike commuter has doubts. A few thoughts and tips on bike commuting:

**From Jim Scarlett-Lyon:** Wear the loudest clothes you can find. Forget fashion and go for those colors that road crew flaggers wear. Make sure your jacket, pack, panniers etc have reflective strips on them. You don't want to ever hear anyone say they couldn't see you. My motto is "If they hit me they meant to because they certainly couldn't miss seeing me" In 12 years of commuting I've never had a "close encounter" of the automotive kind.

If you're riding a mt bike use slick tires instead of your knobbies. You'll roll faster and have better road traction on wet pavement. Obey the rules of the road. It creates BAD KARMA for all cyclists when you don't. Don't be one of those turkeys that routinely runs stoplights. I can't tell you how many times I've heard, "You guys don't obey the rules anyway" as an excuse for some drivers endangering my life. Let go of the anger. I've had some really scary confrontations with some drivers that could have been avoided if I had been willing to just drop it and ride on instead of confronting the driver.

If you commute in the dark (even twilight) get a bike headlight and taillight. Don't go cheap...get something powerful with a long life rechargeable battery. I've used a NiteRider lights for years and love it, but it ain't cheap.

Don't cycle in the clothes you're going to work in unless you've only got a short commute. You'll feel like the back of a Post-It Note all day. I leave work clothes and shoes at work and rotate my supply every few days. The less you have to carry the more pleasant your ride.

**From Alex "car free in Seattle" Wetmore:** Get a copy of "Effective Cycling" and read the sections on riding in traffic, lots of helpful but not-so-obvious tricks. A boiled down version aimed at Washington State cyclists can be found at [www.olywa.net/leveen/commute.pdf](http://www.olywa.net/leveen/commute.pdf).

**Route:** It is useful to explore a lot when starting to bike commute. Having multiple routes makes the riding a little more interesting, and sometimes you find routes which have much less traffic but don't seem obvious at first. One of the nicest parts of my commute is coming through the dirt road in Ravenna/Cowen parks at night, and I didn't find this without exploring. Residential roads are often safer and less busy than bike paths or lanes. I have 6 or 7 different routes that I regularly use.

**Gear:** Full fenders are essential if you do this in the winter. They keep you clean, but more importantly they

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◆ Over a decade of fun, environmentally sound mountain biking! ◆

# EDITOR'S NOTE

## MIDDLE FORK / CCC EXTENSION

The North Bend Ranger District has done a faceplant again—the CCC Extension meeting last month was a fiasco. The district didn't call any of the user groups and then proposed a 5-foot wide trail, something none of the user groups wanted. They're not listening, again. Meanwhile, the Middle Fork ATM Plan is years behind schedule, the district never returns calls or letters, and there's no indication they care. For many of us, the North Bend Ranger District is the face of the forest service if only because it's so close. I expect something better.

## TIGER MTN

**Tiger:** Remember that the Iverson and Preston Railroad Grades on Tiger Mountain are now closed for the season. They'll open up again on tax day.

## ELECTIONS

The BBTC holds elections this month. From the look of it, there's going to be an influx of energy into the leadership positions. You can be a board member, too, and help aim the club in the right direction. Over the years we've had lots of great people work for the mountain bike cause, and again this year it looks like we're saying goodbye to a great President. Thanks for all your good work, Jennifer! Of course, she'll be around as the secretary to keep everyone honest.

## GIFTS

I started buying memberships for friends a few years ago. It's an easy way for them to learn about the great things we do and for them to enjoy the benefits of BBTC membership. It's also a good way to keep your relatives updated on your mountain bike addiction. Since it's that gift giving time of year, try it out: Wrap up a big fat BBTC membership for your loved ones.

John Zilly

## MEMBERS!

This is your club! All of the folks on the board and the committee chairs are accessible. And we are passionate about mountain biking. Give us a call to find out when the next cool ride is, ask questions, raise concerns, or just chat about trails and mountain biking. We love that. Also, if you enjoy your membership—the free rides, the newsletter, the BBTC email list—please encourage your friends to become members. Better yet, buy someone else a membership for their birthday. The BBTC does some vital stuff that keeps the sport fun and the trails open. Have fun out there.

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# PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Sad as it may be, we are now past the last gasps of summer, heading into the fall season, and the elections for 2001. We have some great new candidates on tap so my time as President is drawing to a close. Before I go, I would like to share my thoughts on the past year.

I have been active with the BBTC for the past 3 years. I attended Boot Camp in 1997, and was immediately hooked on the sport - a sport I had been eyeing from afar for too long a time. Shortly after I got into biking, I started hearing about trail closures, and the importance of "getting involved". Initially getting involved meant showing up for trailwork parties. Then I started to hear about public meetings, so I went to some of those. The more I saw, the more I wanted to do more. Fast-forward a couple of years, and I get to be club President.

It has been a hectic but very rewarding and educational year. What I have learned is that involvement is key. A large and visible community is a powerful force. We have over 500 members, and we could probably find jobs for all of them if they showed up wanting to help. This is YOUR club and we want your energy and ideas. Don't be shy - take a look at all the things you can do!

**Boot Camp:** Teaching Boot Camp is an absolute hoot (and includes the opportunity to meet cute, like minded bikers). If you're not extroverted enough to lead a class, volunteer to be a helper.

**Trailwork:** There is no getting around the fact that ALL trails users impact trails. Since this includes us, we really should get out there and take care of the trails. We here at BBTC are finding some new ways to put the "party" in work party. Come on out and see what we're doing.

## VICTOR FALLS

### CHRISTMAS TREE FARM PARKING CLOSED [FROM LAST YEAR, BUT STILL APPLIES (I THINK)]

Between November 17 and January 1, Vince needs to sell Christmas trees (U-cut). This means he needs his parking area for customers. If you ride at Victor Falls, don't park in his lot during this time. I also heard the Victor may be out-and-out closed until January.

### TREES FOR SALE

However, because the lot is available during the entire rest of the year with Vince's blessing, you might want to buy your tree from him. When you pay and sign in, be sure to note that you are a mountain biker who has gotten some fine use out of the parking.

**Adopt a shop:** We need people to adopt shops and keep them stocked with BBTC literature (you can always use another excuse to drop by your favorite shop).

**Public meetings:** We need maximum presence at public hearings - we do our best to publicize these on the list serve as we find out about them; please try to find the time to make it to at least a few of these a year.

**BBTC meetings:** BBTC Board meetings are open to all. They happen on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. If you have an idea that you would like to present, or if you just want to learn more about how the club runs, come to a meeting. The location varies; if you would like to attend contact the Vice President for that month's venue.

**Your ideas and talents:** Our club is a dynamic entity, constantly growing and adapting. New ideas and skills to keep it vibrant and growing.

Jennifer Lesher

## EXCERPT FROM BROCA'S BRAIN : REFLECTIONS ON THE ROMANCE OF SCIENCE (1993)

by Carl Sagan

"With the Depletion of fossil fuels I think it very likely that automobiles powered by internal-combustion engines will be with us for at most a few decades longer. The transportation of the future will simply have to be different. We can imagine quite comfortable and adequately speedy steam, solar, fuel-cell or electric ground vehicles, generating very little pollution and employing a technology comfortably accessible to the user.

Many responsible medical experts are concerned that we in the West-and increasingly even in developing countries-are becoming too sedentary. Driving an automobile exercises very few muscles. The demise of the automobile surely has many positive aspects when viewed in the long run, one of which is a return to the oldest transportation mechanism, walking, and to bicycling, which is in many ways the most remarkable.

I can easily imagine a healthy and stable future society in which walking and bicycling are the primary means of transportation; with pollution-free low-speed ground cards and railed public transportation systems widely available, and the most sophisticated transportation devices used relatively rarely by the average person. . . ."

See ya on the trails, Scott

# RIDE REPORTS

## VICTORIA'S SECRET

The inclement weather held off one more day so we could reap the rewards of a long, dry fall season so far. Armando, Deb, Stephen, Chris, Beth, Andrea and I pulled out of the parking lot off the Glass school road about 10:15 and made for the first lookout point. Quick breather and a pee break and then we dipped into Bloody leg for the first sweet piece of pine needle lined singletrack downhill. Swooping left and right, everyone popped out on the logging road with big grins. Just the beginning! On to Magic Forest and another great chunk of downhill singletrack through a dense cedar forest before we popped out at the meadow overlooking the Skagit bay. There is a new "drop" at the entrance of magic forest that none of us would attempt. Though it looks like several people have done it. 6' plus into the trees. I like to keep my bones intact after three seasons with a broken one. From the sculpture, we mad a break from the "usual" stuff that most riders do there and dropped off the front down to the next old road bed. There, we turned left and made for the outhouse trail. A short Hike-a-bike later, we were ready for another fun, steep, descent. Oh yeah, endo number one for me here. I always have a problem with that left hander. Echoes of Chris' laughing pierced the silence. I earned it.

From there, we made left into the Up and Down trail. A little bumpy but oh so fun. More bike use would turn this into an A+ trail. Spooky fast with tight corners and swooping turns. Next was the connector and the Spooky loop. Now we were far off the North side of the hill and miles from the parking lot. Cruising east we crossed the washout on the top of a beaver dam and headed north again. Then right and through some fun technical stuff which set us up for the climb up Baby Bear. Tough, but real good trail.

(Endo #2) At the top of Baby Bear, we headed east to the fast rail and the mellow climb up an old narrow gauge railroad grade to the crossing near the Boot Trail and the Under the Ridge trail. Consensus was that we were ready for the ridge trail. Short road climb around to the corner and clicking up into the big ring. It was time. Smooth and fast. Twisty and tight. This had it all to keep one honest. Tread conditions: optimal. I'd make a mistake, Chris would catch up. He'd make one, I'd pull away. Big ring singletrack bliss. The mile and a half was over far too soon and as everyone pulled out on to the road. The smiles could tell it all. (But, whoops and high fives help!) More to come.

Drop left and through the crossover amidst another cedar grove and out to the entrance of the bridge trail. This has recently been reopened by a hard working mtb'r from up there along with his friends. Thank you very much. It was

awesome. This brought our singletrack drop to the cars at about 1000 feet and 4+ miles. Miles and miles of singletrack smiles. Catch this area before the end of the month as there is a justifiable seasonal closure which takes effect the 1st of November until the first of May. Take the trail less travelled up there. You will like it. On this perhaps last nice Sunday, we were the only bikers with 9 square miles to ourselves. 5 horse trailers in the lot and we only saw two groups out on logging roads. Thanks for the ride! I'm still reliving parts of it. (And thanks for putting up with me constantly raving about the place.)

Bob

## WOW ... WINTHROP 2000 THE BEST EVER.

The BBTC action revolved around a cabin that Lisa Parsons and John Loomis rented. We all met there for breakfast, and dinner/party/hot-tub/nonsense. Friday night hot-tub scene also included a mid-night dunk in the Chewuck river.

There was a whole lot of riding going on ... I can only report on the two spectacular ones I got to go on. Perhaps the other folks can chime in on their adventures. Saturday, me, Art, JoeP, & Jim did the Horsehead Pass loop. What a Killer Ride. IT was totally awesome. The larch trees were in full Golden Glory, backdropped by a silvery-white granite ridge, blue sky, and a warm October sun. Amber Larch needles accented the ground. Feldspar crystals in the granite reflected the October sun. It was bliss up there !We did the clockwise loop ... started from the Crater trailhead, took Martin Lake trail up to Cooney Lake, then hike-a-bike up to the top of Sawtooth Ridge. Top of that ridge reminds me of when Lewis and Clark were seeking the Pacific Ocean. Sometime just before the start of their Winter #2, they were quite certain that one more ascent, and they will look down to the crashing waves of the Pacific. They were out of horses, boats, food - on their last legs. They pushed up the ridge, and when they got to the top and looked west, all they saw were mountains, mountains, and more mountains. Turns out they were only in Montana ... they had some 600 more miles to go! Well that's the seen from on top of Sawtooth Ridge, looking west ... mountains, mountains, and more mountains. We dropped down the West flank of Sawtooth ridge, down a harrowing trail called Angel's Staircase !! You had to be as light as an angel to float across the jagged boulders and tight switch backs. God, was it brutal. Reminded me of two weeks ago on Devil's Backbone! We got down into meadows below the ridge, facing the sun, and it was totally warm and golden. Shangri-La. Pedaled north beneath the sunlit ridge, up to Boiling Lake, then embarked on a tough climb back up to the ridge, via HorseHead Pass. From on top again, the killer views of the Sawtooth wilderness. Then it was a total blast descent. The descent began with a brutally rocky

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# NOV / DEC 2000 RIDES & EVENTS

**TO LEAD A RIDE:  
CALL BOB BOURNIQUE  
425-788-8686**

☞ Heavy rain cancels.  
☞ RSVP minimum 48 hours in advance

**CALL THE BBTC HOTLINE  
FOR UPDATES & ADDITIONS  
206-283-2995**

Come Join us! BBTC rides are free and open to the public. Riders must wear an approved helmet. Riders under 18 need written permission from a parent or guardian. All riders must be self-supporting, i.e. carry a patch kit, spare tube, pump, and tools.

## BBTC RATING SYSTEM

1 Flat or rolling terrain - no sustained climbs  
2 Hills - lots of ups and downs  
3 Mountains - sustained climbs and descents

A Easy, well-graded logging roads & trails  
B Tough, technically challenging  
C Difficult, extremely technical trails

\* Leisurely pace with frequent stops  
\*\* Moderate pace with few stops  
\*\*\* Strenuous pace with minimal stops

**RIDES AND EVENTS ARE OFTEN ADDED AFTER THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.  
CHECK THE HOTLINE FOR EVENTS THAT MAY NOT BE LISTED: 206-283-2995.**

## CAMPOUT

## BOOT CAMP



## TRAIL WORK

**Saturday, 10/28/00 9:30AM 2B\*\***

### Armstrong Tract

Rolling hills and a maze of trails. No major climbs but aerobic. Mostly middle ring for advanced riders. 14-15 miles depending on group. Area with great drainage and open all year around. Bob Bournique 425-788-8686

**Sunday, 10/29/00 10:00AM 2B\*\***

### Fort Ebey

We are going to ride Fort Ebey and the crowds will be gone. This is a good place to ride even if the weather is wet. The famous bluff trail has a great view. Randy Lee 206-706-3913

**Saturday, 11/4/00 10:30 AM 2B\*\***

### Beaver Lake

Twisty single track, roots, minimal elevation, 10+ miles. Kevin or Francine Curd, 425-434-5878



**Sunday, 11/5/00 10:00 AM  
St. Ed's Trailwork 10:00-2:00**

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? Come to a trail party and have lunch served to you on a silver platter (OK, there's not really a silver platter, but the lunches, courtesy of BBTC trails fund, are great!). Trail Work is a nice change from your regular job. Please make the time to give something back to our state trails so they will be there for you in the future! Bring your bike and a lock - there's always riding afterwards! Craig S. Mckinnon E.S.T.A Evergreen State Trails Association Trail Crew/BBTC. Craig Mckinnon, 425-820-3408

**Saturday, 11/11/00 08:30 AM 2B\*\***

### Metcalfe Trust - Whidbey Island

Come celebrate Veteran's Day on "stick day" in the woods! Challenging singletrack await on South Whidbey island. Lots of logs, some twisty stuff, big trees, and miles of trails. We'll meet at 8:30am at the 65th Street P&R for carpooling. If you'd like to ride Ebey on Sunday bring your camping supplies...that's right, who says you can't campout in November!!! Chris Alef, 206-406-8633

**Sunday, 11/12/00 10:00 AM 2B\*\***

### Fort Ebey - Whidbey Island

One of my favorite riding spots because it is so darn dry. Kyle's Kettle, Sheppard's Crook, Raider Creek, Woodpecker Haven, Rusty Well... How can you go wrong with names like that? Chris Alef 206-406-8633

**Wednesday, 11/15/00 5:30 PM 1C\*\***

### The Wurm

Come have fun in the twisty maze of the worm, work on those technical skills, and raise your personal bar when we go hit the stunts at the end of the ride (ought to be interesting in the dark. Meet in the parking lot at 5:30, bring lights. Nicolas Pottier

**Saturday, 11/18/00 11:00 AM 2B\*\***

### St. Edwards

We'll meet in the QFC parking lot at 11. Ride will include the ride up the hill from the lake. Bring money for lunch after the ride. Rachel Agent

**Sunday, 11/19/00 10:00 AM 1A\*\*\***

### Fitness Ride to Poo-Poo Point

Winter settles in, no long sustained climbs for months, then spring hits and those first epics hurt! Don't let those legs forget what a long climb feels like! At least once a month through the winter I'm going to climb up the road to Poo-Poo Point in Issaquah. Really heavy rain cancels. Beth Reyburn 206-934-4834



**Sunday, 11/19/00 10:00 AM  
Grand Ridge KC Park Trail Flagging**

Flag for planned trail reroutes. Work with V.O.W - Volunteers for an Outdoor Washington/BBTC Call for details. Craig Mckinnon 425-820-3408

**Friday, 11/24/00 10:00 AM 1C\*\***

### Fun in Renton

Twisty adventures in Renton! Amazing, but true. Help me celebrate my birthday! Call or email for details. Beth Reyburn, 206-934-4834

**CHECK THE RIDES HOTLINE FOR LATE ADDITIONS: 206-283-2995**

# OCTOBER RIDES

**Saturday, 11/25/00 10:00 AM 2B\*\***

## **Turkey Burner**

Check out fall colors on some of the Northwest's best singletrack. Sign up starts at 10, ride at 10:30. Ride only takes a couple hours; more on tap if people are up for it. 1.5 hrs from Seattle, car pooling recommended. Call (evenings before 9:30) or e-mail for more details. Heavy rain cancels. Tom Fitzpatrick 206 523-6133

**Monday, 11/27/00 7:00PM**

## **BBTC Business Meeting**

The BBTC Board Meetings are the 4th Monday of every month. This meeting will be at REI Seattle. Meetings are open to the public. RSVP to Vice President Robyn Angliss if you would like to attend. Robyn Angliss

**Friday, 12/8/00 7:00 PM 1B\*\***

## **Tolt-McDonald**

Why got out on Friday when you can go ride? Let's see what the twisty trails are like in the dark, getting lost in Tolt will be that much more exciting when there's no light. Ride starts at 7:00, bring lights. Nicolas Pottier



**Sunday, 12/10/00 10:00 AM**

## **Grand Ridge Trailwork**

Work on up and coming trails! Be the first on your block to help create the new Grand Ridge trail system! Grand Ridge King County Park -work with E.S.T.A - the Evergreen State Trails Association. Craig Mckinnon 425-820-3408

**Sunday, 12/17/00 11:00 AM 3A\*\*\***

## **Fitness Ride to Poo-Poo Point**

Tentatively scheduled December training ride to keep those legs used to the sustained climbs of summer. Really heavy rain cancels. Beth Reyburn 206-934-4834

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## MORE RIDE REPORTS WINTHROP 2000 CONT

section again, above Eagle Lakes. This section is where, the day before, Rachel Agent took a nasty fall. Scrapped up herself pretty good, and managed to arrest her fall just before the pitch got scary steep. The rest of the descent was a blaze. rockin fast, where reality is presented in front of you faster than you can think. back to the cars at dusk at the Crater TH. Most perfect day, the apex of the season. Thanks Art !!!

Dinner that night, everyone came over to the cabin, and we had a feast ... cooked in large by Rachel and Liz Doyle. It was great. Around 10:00 PM, Lisa, John, Rachel, Doug Varner, Howie Hale, and myself got shuttled to Sun Mountain Lodge, and we did a night ride on the trails back to town. It was so cool. the stars were out, the moon was half, and dust was everywhere. John did a 360 endo right at the beginning of the ride. All you could see was the glow-in-the-dark strips of his tights rotating in the darkness.

6 **BACKCOUNTRY TRACKS**

Sunday, a bunch of us did Cutthroat Lake and Pass. This ride takes you to the edge of the Sawtooth Wilderness and the Pacific Crest Trail. Spectacular views of the North Cascades. and the climb was a relatively easy 6 mile, 3000 foot gain. The down was a blast.

Peter

## WOO HOO! PARADISE!

Will this awesome fall weather ever end? Another no wash bike ride at Paradise this evening. Just got out at 7:15 when things were really getting dark. Trails are in awesome condition and found the new one west of the fern trail too late to explore much. Another time. Tom and I started after Julie, Randy and Troy. Knowing they would head for a "hidden" gem first. We took a short cut and met Julie heading back, walking the bike. "Howdy, What's up? We knew we would find you here." Well, seems like Troy met a branch at the wrong rate of speed and split his lip. So what you say? I mean, He SPLIT his lip. From the bottom of his lip clear up to the base of his nose. Clean through. Flappin' in the wind through. [30 stitches!!] She thought she was gonna hurl. So, Tom and I got some wipes outta the handy first aid kit and found a knuckle bandage that would wrap around his nose and patched him up so she could get out and get him to the hospital. Remember kids. ALWAYS carry some first aid stuff with ya because you never know where or when you might need it.

Randy met back up with us and we cruised around the plateau crunching leaves as we went and through the west side before bombing back in the dark. Looks like lights from now on.

Bob



*Richard Chittick photo: Beth Reyburn and Chris Alef on the miller peak epic, october 15, 2000; wenatchee mountains, wenatchee national forest; kittitas county, wa*

## LWCF CONT

a long shot. But, AHR is still pursuing actions to get the CARA package of conservation programs through the 106th Congress. If anything concrete appears (as opposed to the myriad rumors that circulate on Capitol Hill at this time of year), we will let you know what actions must be taken. In the meantime, keep calling your senators and ask them when CARA will get passed this year. Also, if we can find the venue to pass CARA this year, be prepared to make a last "Hail Mary" play to get us into the end zone.

Thanks again for the hard work. We will stay in touch.

## ST HELENS, LEWIS RIVER

On a beautiful September weekend, Mike Ondeck, Maria and I headed south for a few rides. Saturday, we cruised Lewis River, where the water was the lowest I've seen during my 4 visits. Sunday, we woke late after being protected from the morning sun by the southern cliff. We motored to Mt. St. Helens on a quarter tank of gas, 68 miles or so from the nearest station, arriving too late to attempt the full ride from Ape Canyon to Windy Ridge.

At the trailhead, Maria headed east for a hike through Lava Canyon, while Mike and I began our 7 mile ascent to Plains of Abraham (in Ride 13 of Mountain Bike Southwest Washington, Zilly describes it as the "pumice shoulder on the east side of Mt. St. Helens"). It was a gorgeous day, offering clear views of Hood, Adams, and Rainier - as well as the notorious volcano itself.

It was around the 5 mile mark that I felt down to my camelback and realized the velcro had loosened. Luckily, the small wad of bills was held firmly in place - lost was my and Maria's drivers licenses, 2 credit cards and an ATM card. No idea where along the 5 mile stretch the items had dropped, Mike and I cheerfully continued our journey to our planned destination.

After finishing one roll of film, we encountered a mountain biking couple on their way down the mountain. Told them of my unlucky incident and asked them to put any cards they might find under the burgundy Camry's wheel well. Coming down from Plains of Abraham, we finished our second roll of film, capturing each peak and the rock strewn mountain face. With 5 miles to go, slowly we continued our descent, scoping the trail for my missing items. After 1 mile, still no sign of anything, when we ran into a couple hikers who said they had not seen any licenses or credit cards on the forested floor coming up.

As Mike and I were looking all over the trail, a third hiker approached who we told our unfortunate circumstance. She said two female hikers were heading down, who had found some id. YES. We raced, in the appropriate IMBA-sense of the word, down a few switchbacks and caught up with the hikers, who immediately asked if I was Scott. I had found my drivers license and credit cards.

But they did not have Maria's card. Perhaps she had taken them from me before we departed. We confidently headed down the trail at normal speed, looking here and there when convenient, assured by the laws of chance that would not allow 5 pieces of ID to drop in different places by owner. Just in case, I continued asking each group we encountered whether they'd seen or picked up anything.

Passing a few more people, a couple thought they heard someone lower down the trail had picked up something. "Did it belong to a Maria?" "Yes, I think so." Mike and I bulleted down, in the IMBA-sense of the word, to the trailhead. We reached the bottom, but never passed anyone else. Oh no, I lost Maria's ID. As we crossed the parking lot, Maria walked up with a big grin. "Did you get your ID?," I asked. "Yes," she responded bewildered. "How did you know?" Apparently, a third party had found Maria's ID and cash card; the first mountain biking couple we encountered at the top of the mountain mentioned our experience to them and told them to put the ID on the wheel well of the burgundy Camry. Maria was approaching the Camry when the second finders identified her.

All 5 pieces of ID back in our possession, we opened a few beers to celebrate the good deeds of these 7 unidentified people and the benefits of sharing our trails with people who really do care. Mt. St. Helens was spewing karma that day.

Scott

keep your bike and it's drive train clean. This reduces maintenance. Nothing worse than not having time to re-lube your bikes drive train and needing to ride it everyday. <http://www.phred.org/~alex/bikes/fendermudflap.html> is a webpage that I wrote on building mudflaps for your fenders. A rear rack and panniers is really a much nicer way to carry gear than using a courier bag or backpack. No hot bag sitting on your back, and it is a lot more comfortable for long rides. If you start to commute a lot than it is useful to have two commuter-quality bikes. This way if you get a flat at night and don't have time to fix it then you can take the other one out the next day.

**From Thom Fitz:** Above all else remember and keep repeating "INVISIBLE NOT INVINCIBLE", and ride defensively. Choosing a safe route may be your number one priority. The shortest way is usually not the safest or least stressful.

Bright yellow and neon colors may not be in style at the moment, but they should never go out of style for commuters, day or night. It is amazing, but without that bright patch at torso level, all the lights and reflectors are almost worthless. That being said, use as many lights and reflectors as possible at night, especially strapping strobing and reflective stuff on your legs/ankles to get a rotating action to pick you out of the background scatter of night lights which gets busier and brighter every year.

Rear fender at least. Good Goretex parka is worthwhile, with polypro or coolmax for the other layers. I agree with the suggestion to not commute in work clothes. I have done it both ways and will not go back to the grubbiness. In companies without showers (yuk!), I have changed in bathroom stalls and rinsed pits and hair in the sink, and if ANYONE remarks about it, they get an earful of lecture about pollution free commuting and corporate responsibility. Nobody has whined twice, and I have gotten facilities expanded/added at several places.

A trick I picked up for daily commuting to avoid totally disgusting cycling outfit by laundry day, without unlimited budget for 7 cycling outfits. I wear one layer of cotton regular briefs and T-shirt, which can be easily swapped out each day. Not "optimum" cycling outfit or thermal protection, but a worthwhile compromise for me. Also finding a corner of the office to hang things up to dry off and air out makes a huge difference for comfort and molding clothes. Jokes about my ghetto office with the clothes drying in the corner are in good fun.

I carry everything I need, including my lunch, in panniers, wrapping internally in plastic bags to avoid wet spots. I chalk up extra weight to training. Carefully roll and pack clothes the last thing before leaving and unpack IMMEDIATELY when arriving to minimize wrinkling. The "afterglow" will steam them out a bit also.

If the ride is of reasonable length, a mtn bike will do. I prefer a beater commuter (more training!:-) so my good bike isn't beat by the weekend. Best all around tire, if the commute includes rough stuff, is the Performance VersatrakK which rides much like a smooth tire, but is also good enough off road to be used on my good mtn bike.

Habit is everything for efficiency. Layout stuff the night before. The first few rides will take longer and take a bit to get the routine down. Get a removable rear view mirror!! Dangerous to use mtn biking, but life saving on road. You can learn to "herd" the cars and leave yourself enough room to get out of the way at the last second. I make a mirror that clips to the visor of a mtn bike helmet and costs about \$.75, after breaking a few \$15 mirrors that didn't work any better.

Don't forget the goretex socks! Hard to think about with the dry spell, but a must have. Other hints at <http://www.premier1.net/~iverson/bicycle/bikefaq.html>

# PROPOSED BYLAWS

## FOR BACKCOUNTRY BICYCLE TRAILS CLUB

After 11 years, board members at the BBTC felt as though the club had outgrown the original bylaws. A little tinkering and upgrading was in order. What follows are the new bylaws proposed by the board's bylaw committee. Underlines are additions, strikethroughs are cuts. But the BBTC is a membership club, so these are, effectively, your bylaws. We want comments and input so that the new rules will help govern the club smoothly for the next 11 years. If you have comments, please email them to Chris Alef (trailspin@yahoo.com), mail them to the BBTC (POB 21288, Seattle, 98111), or attend the next board meeting on November 27 (call Jennifer Lesher for details, 206-721-9179). Thanks in advance for your thoughts.

### Proposed Bylaws of the Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club

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#### Article I: NAME

The name of the organization is the Backcountry Bicycle Trails Club, hereafter referred to as the BBTC.

#### Article II: INCORPORATION

The BBTC shall maintain incorporation as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of Washington State. The BBTC shall seek and maintain exemption from federal income taxes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### Article III: PURPOSES

The purposes of the BBTC are to:

- \* Provide opportunities for the mountain bicycling community to enjoy rides in the area and to meet and socialize with like-minded riders.
- \* Increase awareness of mountain bicycling issues in the area through interaction with other trail user groups, bicycle clubs and the public.
- \* Educate mountain bicyclists on low impact riding, trail courtesy and safety.
- \* Educate other trail users on mountain bicycling.
- \* Represent mountain bicycling interests in public forums and to recreation land managers, advocating multiple user concepts and equitable trail access.
- \* Map and document trail systems, to include possible new trails.
- \* Build new trails and assist in the maintenance of existing trails with the permission of the local land manager.

#### Article IV: MEMBERSHIP

The BBTC shall have two categories of membership: individual and commercial. Any individual, business or organization may join the BBTC. Businesses and organizations may join as commercial members. ~~Bicycle shops and touring organizations may join as commercial members.~~ Membership expiration dates are March 1st 30st and September 1st 30th of each year.

Commercial memberships are treated as single sites. Multiple locations of the same business or organization must join independently.

#### Article V: DUES

Dues shall be established from time to time by the Board of the BBTC. Individual dues may be established in multiple categories at various fees, but voting rights shall not be affected by the category of membership selected.

Individual and commercial ~~Memberships~~ shall be for the period of one (1) year and dues are payable immediately upon joining and thereafter on the next nearest expiration date (see Article IV).

#### Article VI: VOTING

Every individual and commercial member of the BBTC shall have one (1) vote in the election of the Board (Officers and Members-at-Large).

Proxy voting shall not be allowed for elections. Proxies may be submitted by Board and Members-at-Large for voting on Club business. Club business shall ordinarily be conducted at the business meetings. At the president's discretion, board business which requires a vote may be conducted via telephone or electronic means for issues which require immediate action, provided that a reasonable attempt is made to notify all board members of the vote.

A quorum shall consist of five officers and/or Members-at-Large. If a quorum is not present, voting cannot occur. A quorum must also be present for a telephone or electronic vote.

#### Article VII: THE BOARD

The Board of the BBTC shall consist of the four officers and the five Members-at-Large ~~and the standing committee chairperson~~; elected by the general membership at the first business meeting of each calendar year.

All elected positions have a term of one (1) year. Position holders may be reelected indefinitely.

The duties of the Board will include all organizational functions, adopting and implementing policies consistent with the purposes of the BBTC, and establishing budget and staffing levels necessary to fulfill the policies and implement the decisions of the Board.

Vacancies on the Board shall be announced at the next general membership meeting and in the newsletter prior to an election to fill the vacancy. This election will take place at the next Business Meeting following the announcements. Individuals elected to fill vacancies will serve the remainder of the standard term of office.

#### Article VIII: OFFICERS

The BBTC shall have a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. The duties of the officers are as follows:

##### The President shall:

- \* Preside over meetings.
- \* Cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie during voting at Business Meetings.
- \* Sign contracts and agreements on behalf of the BBTC.
- \* Appoint members as necessary to perform the tasks agreed upon by the Board.

### **The Vice-President shall:**

- \* Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.
- \* Make arrangements for scheduling meeting dates and locations.
- \* Supervise the nominating committee.

### **The Treasurer shall:**

- \* Be responsible for all income and expenses.
- \* Keep accurate financial records.
- \* Make timely deposits of all monies received.
- \* Bill all those who owe money to the BBTC.
- \* Pay duly authorized expenses.
- \* Make available financial records to the BBTC for inspection and audit.
- \* Recommend a budget to the Board.
- \* Recommend appropriate changes in the dues structure.
- \* Make an annual report to the members at the first/last Business Meeting each year.
- \* Recommend a budget to the Board at the second Business Meeting each year.

### **The Secretary shall:**

- \* Take minutes of all Business Meetings and furnish copies to those attending the Business Meetings.
- \* Maintain a file of legal documents and licenses of the BBTC, past minutes, newsletter archives and other official documents.
- \* Maintain an inventory of BBTC property.
- \* Record and receive copies of all contracts and agreements the President enters into on behalf of the BBTC.
- \* Provide written notice of the date, time and location of meetings to the membership at least two weeks prior to the meetings, including, as needed, notice of proposed by-law changes and elections to fill vacancies on the Board.
- \* Maintain a list of members, of officers, Members-at-Large, and committee chairpersons.
- \* Send out membership renewal notices.
- \* Conduct and respond to correspondence as required.
- \* Provide for the publication of the Archly newsletter of the BBTC.
- \* Act as Registered Agent for the Corporation.

### **Article IX: MEETINGS**

Business Meetings will be held quarterly/four times per year, or more often if required. At these meetings all the regular business of the BBTC will be conducted. The Board will be the decision making body for this business but all members are invited to attend and provide input and/or become more active in the conduct of BBTC business. Business Meetings will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Business may also be conducted by telephone or other electronic means as specified in Article VI.

General Membership Meetings will be held as often as designated by the Board, ~~usually monthly~~. A short summary of the previous Business Meeting ~~will may~~ be given, but no business conducted. The purpose of the General Membership Meeting is to apprise members of current initiatives and solicit their involvement, and provide a forum for the exchange of information among the members. ~~A common agenda item will be slide shows or video tapes of rides and mountain bicycling activities, or educational presentations.~~

### **Article X: ELECTIONS**

Elections shall occur each year as the first order of business at the November last Business Meeting of the year, except that elections shall be held subsequent to the adoption of these by-laws at the same meeting at which these by-laws are adopted and whenever a vacancy on the Board occurs.

A Nominating Committee of three willing members shall be established by random draw by the Board Vice President from among the members of the Board, at least one month prior to each election providing sufficient time for the list of nominees to be included in a newsletter published prior to the election.

The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of willing candidates to the Secretary for publication in the Newsletter prior to the meeting at which the selections will take place. Additional candidates may be nominated at the Business Meeting ~~just prior to the elections: during which elections are held.~~

All members in good standing (not in arrears for dues) will have an equal vote for the purpose of electing the Board. Election to a position will be by simple majority of those present and voting at the Business Meeting. If the first ballot fails to produce a majority for one candidate, a runoff of the two with the most votes will be conducted.

### **Article XI: COMMITTEES**

Standing committees of the BBTC are:

- \* Rides
- \* ~~Government Affairs~~ Political Action/Advocacy
- \* ~~Education/Trail Patrol~~
- \* Membership
- \* Trail Development and Maintenance
- \* Newsletter
- \* Website
- \* ~~Training Rides~~

The President and Board may delegate authority and tasks to other committees as necessary to carry out the purposes of the BBTC. These ad hoc committees shall exist only as long as necessary to complete their assigned tasks.

Committees shall submit a budget to the treasurer by the first Business Meeting of the year for expenses expected to be incurred during the upcoming year.

### **Article XII: AFFILIATIONS**

The BBTC will maintain a continuing affiliation with the ~~Bicycle Federation of Washington and the League of American Wheelmen International Mountain Biking Association, the Bicycle Alliance of Washington, and the Evergreen State Trails Association~~, or successor organizations. BBTC may affiliate with other organizations as appropriate.

### **Article XIII: BY-LAWS**

The ~~Board~~ BBTC may adopt, amend, or repeal the by-laws of the BBTC only at any meeting a Business Meeting by two-thirds vote. The proposed changes must be submitted to the Secretary sufficiently far in advance to allow for publication in the Newsletter before they are brought up for vote.

### **Article XIV: DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Should the BBTC board believe that a member's actions are severely and directly counterproductive to the goals of this club, the board may take disciplinary action as it sees fit after a 2/3 vote. Disciplinary actions that may be taken include removal from the board or removal from the club as a last resort. In the event that a member conducts illegal activities, no part of these bylaws limit the board's ability to pursue legal action to the full extent of the law.

Should the board feel that disciplinary action is necessary, the board will schedule a vote and contact the member to be disciplined to ensure that the member can attend the meeting and speak in his/her defense if they so choose. There is no appeal process.

### **Article XIV: TERMINATION**

Should the BBTC at any time terminate or disband, the net of its remaining assets, if any, shall be transferred to ~~the nearest mountain bicycling-related~~ an organization ~~accorded exemption from federal income taxes under section 501(c); of the Internal Revenue Code~~ approved by the Board.

The BBTC does not endorse the following opinion—always ride on signed-open-to-bikes trails. However, this opinion does express the frustration and ongoing sentiment of many mountain bikers. What's your opinion? **Backcountry Tracks** would love to hear from you. Please send submissions and photos to [jjilly@aol.com](mailto:jjilly@aol.com) (include the word "newsletter" in the subject) or to the BBTC c/o Adventure Press, PO Box 14059, Seattle, 98114. Thanks, ed.

## HALF EMPTY OR HALF FULL?

I recently did a minor poll on the listserve asking a few questions. This inspiration came from listening to other riders at the trailhead and the conversations which arise from time to time on the listserve. The idea of it all was to see if we were satisfied with the quality and quantity of trails in the area and what perceived way the chips fell to put the greater Seattle mountain biker in the situation they face today. Nearly three quarters of those responding said that there is a need for more miles and the quarter left agreed that the situation is horrible. Granted, this is a biased poll. Coming from, for the most part, seasoned mountain bikers. But, it did say, that as a whole, we are not satisfied with what is available to us locally. So, what are we doing about it? Some said that we just got a late start and were overwhelmed by a stronger anti-bike contingent and still have not recovered. Other simply stated that mountain bikers are too apathetic to do something. Most stated that the club is doing a good job and are thankful for those who are working tirelessly to get more and keep what we have. But, overwhelming consensus was that the current trail systems were not enough and that they were boring.

I have 11 areas within 45 minutes of work to ride on weekdays. Of those, only 2 are on public land. If that was all I had. I would definitely be more involved in getting more miles in there. But, I have more. User built, user maintained. Is this the wave of the future? Definitely. At least in the short term. Is it right to ride and enjoy the gray side of the trail systems available? That's up to you to decide. Yeah, I speed on the freeway occasionally. Feel guilty about it? No.

The surge in mountain biking's popularity along with the insanely slow process of recovering from the anti-mountain bike damage of the last 10 years leads to folks taking it into their own hands. This, coupled with the level of riding skyrocketing as well, leaves the lowly biker Joe with a problem. Ride the gray trails and be challenged by difficulty of trail or the variation by having more than one place to go. Or, bang your head against policy makers of amerika and hope you get a couple miles of wide flat trail in a few years. We have to keep banging our heads. We have to. But, there are too few who can handle the constant flogging from mindless bureaucrats who think we like road to trail conversions. So, what's left? Build it yourself. Desperation make one do funny things.

The poll also noted that wanted more trails 10 minutes from home. My answer. Move away from Ballard. I want a bowling alley 10 minutes from home. But I have to drive nearly an hour to get to one. And then I only have one to choose from. I only have 4 bowling alleys within an hour fifteen of my home. That sucks. What if I get bored with all of them? What sucks more is, it costs too much for me to build my own one.

Bottom line is: We're not happy with what we have. But not angry

enough to do something about it. We really expect more. Sometimes unrealistically. It's a lot easier to get some friends and poach in just what we like to ride. Generically, the club is doing a good job. We have a lot of ideas on how to fix the problem but do not have the time or the priorities to attack it. What's the answer? Get a larger percentage of people involved. How do you do that? I have no idea. And, I've tried. Guilt, bribery, etc.

But, what I do know. Is that if the gray trail systems whet your whistle, and these systems continue to sprout up everywhere, there will not be the firepower available to get new "legal" trails on public land. Because, the majority of the riders you need to get the job done, will be just out there ridin'.

**"Fat, dumb, and happy"**

## INTERBIKE 2000

I admit that I would have rather been on the Pot Peak Epic weekend, but this sure comes in a close second. See how much you guys/gals mean to me? I mean, meeting those with names like, Roll, Furtado, Ballentyne, DeMattei, Tomac, Streb, Giove, does carry a little way....but, you guys know how to party around the campfire!

Cool, or corney?

I watched the women's cross country race from my hotel room Sunday night and went to sleep wondering if there would be a huge amount of talk about "the push" at the show the next day. Not much said that I heard. Just, "That's racing." I have to agree. But, I digress. The coolest part about the whole show was walking by the Gary Fisher booth the next morning and seeing the man himself fawning over a certain pink bike with a light coating of dust on it. No way! I thought. Yup. They flew the bike right over after the race. No Paola, (bummer) but the bike. So, is it corny to have this mad desire to want to touch it? I had to.....

The rest of the show was the usual aisle after aisle of new stuff I can't afford but still drool after. Bikes are looking more and more like motorcycles and the guys in the videos are going bigger and bigger. So, you think that 3 foot wheelie drop earns you the "balls of steel" award? Not hardly. 10-15 footers look gravy to these guys. Some of these fools are going 40 plus now. No, they don't all land in one piece. There were several "Deep Cove" wanna be booths and I am sure there will be more next year.

Those scooter thingys were EVERYWHERE! There must have been 50 booths trying to sell 'em. Am I just out of the loop on this one? What is the purpose of these things anyway? Needless to say, I have a few opinions on that matter. The Marzocchi girls are about 1/5th as good looking as the ones in the ads and there is always a big line for the posters. Why?

Cane Creek, Spinergy, and Mavic are coming out with some cool wheels, disc brakes will be slightly more affordable. I got to talk to a few people at IMBA and will pass that conversation on to the board. Spoke with Philip Keyes at Nemba/Dirt Rag and got some good feedback on how to get people to lead rides and go to work parties. They kick serious ass. One thing did come up in my conversations with people in the know about trail work, rides, etc. Perhaps it's been too long since we had a trail crisis here? Few remember why the club was formed, the Novelty Hill mess, most riders in the club have probably never ridden Middle fork, so they don't know what they are missing. We have a plethora of places to ride and are just sittin' here fat, dumb, and happy. Watching rogue trailbuilders do what the government won't let us do. Now, I'm not condoning a trail closure, but..... Are these people wrong? Do we need a rallying cry again?

Just a few thoughts from Interbike 2000.

**Bob**

# 2001 ELECTIONS!!!!

Elections for the 2001 BBTC board will be held at the November 27 meeting at the Seattle REI at 7pm. All club members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Thanks go to the following individuals who have already indicated an interest in taking on BBTC board duties in 2001:

**President:** Brian Jones

**VP:** Tom Fitzpatrick

**Treasurer:** Chris Alef

**Secretary:** Jennifer Leshner

**Members at Large (5 positions available):** Liz Doyle, Nic Pottier, Jim Neff, Beth Reyburn, Craig McKinnon, John Stamstad, Gerry Zyfers, Scott Marlow, Art Tuftee, Bob Bournique, Kelly Wood, Preston Peterson, Lisa Parsons

## ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE AT THE NOV. MEETING. PLEASE ATTEND.

In addition to the board members, the individuals who run BBTC's committees are critical to the success of this club. Thanks go to the following individuals who have volunteered to work on BBTC's committees in 2001:

**Membership:** Chris Alef

**Hotline:** Dominic Groves

**Ride Coordinator:** John Loomis, Bob Bournique

**Social:** Sharon Fisher

**Bootcamp:** Jim Neff

**Listserve:** Josh Putnam

**Website:** Beth Reyburn, Nic Pottier

**Newsletter:** John Zilly, Jim Neff

**WEC Representative, Marketing, Race Team:** Lisa Parsons

If we have included someone's name on either of the above lists a little prematurely (i.e., you said "it might be fun to help" and we erroneously interpreted it as "please give me a lot of responsibility!"), we apologize for hearing what we wanted to hear! Contact Robyn (contact info below) to correct the error!

Believe it or not, more help will be needed over the upcoming year. If you're interested in helping out on any aspect of club administration, mountain bike advocacy, or anything else mountain bike-related, just drop the board a line!

**REMEMBER** - if you want to vote for the 2001 BBTC board, you have to attend the November 27 board meeting! We'll post a reminder - and details on the location - on the BBTC website and on the listserv. Alternatively, you can contact Robyn Angliss at [rpangliss@aol.com](mailto:rpangliss@aol.com) for more information. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Robyn Angliss, Vice Prez (outgoing)**

# THESE BUSINESSES ROCK!

Some local shops and businesses have become BBTC corporate members, and, in doing so, showed their support for our club and the work we do. Show your appreciation by supporting the companies that support the BBTC. In other words, buy your gear at the places listed below.

**HEY THERE**, is your company interested in becoming a BBTC corporate member? Contact Leonard Francies, BBTC Treasurer at 425/822-4055; [bbtclen@jps.net](mailto:bbtclen@jps.net).

## Bicycle Outfitters

11320 NE 124th St., Kirkland, WA 98034  
(425) 820-0104

## Finn Hill Bikes

14130 Juanita Dr NE #1-10  
(425) 823-1215

## Gregg's Aurora Cycle

7401 Aurora Ave. N, Seattle  
(206) 783-1000

## Gregg's Bellevue Cycle

145 106th Ave. NE, Bellevue  
(425) 462-1900

## Gregg's Greenlake Cycle

7007 Woodlawn NE, Seattle  
(206) 523-1822

## Platypus Hydration Systems

4000 First Ave. S, Seattle  
800-531-9531 ([www.cascadedesigns.com](http://www.cascadedesigns.com))

## Performance Bicycle

Redmond, WA  
425-643-8122

## REI

222 Yale Ave. N, Seattle  
(206) 223-1944

## Wright Brothers Cycle Works

219 N. 36th, Seattle  
(206) 633-5132

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 nowbike@accessone.com, Volunteer for Outdoor Washington (VOW)

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 Platypus Hydration Systems, REI, Wright Brothers Cycle Works,

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Looking for someone to ride with? Want to learn about new places to ride? Want to keep beautiful trails open to bicycles? Join the BBTC today.

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_____	\$50 Knobby Friend
_____	Voluntary Trail Fund donation
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