

Gallatin Valley Bicycle Club 2009 Season in Review



Racing

Tuesday Night Training Ride Series

17 training rides were held this season from April 21 – Sept 9.

NEW races included a TT up Hyalite Canyon, a crit at Black Bull Golf Community, and practice Match Sprints put on by GAS/Intrinsic Team followed by a BBQ.

Also, the NEW Working Man's Stage Race put on by John and Lisa Curry, followed by a potluck where awards were handed out.

Thank you to our Star Volunteers, who volunteered above and beyond to help the Tuesday Night Series happen: Ken Pixley, Mel Melandrez, Chris Lapp, and to Phil Rotherham for keeping track of race results.



Tour de Bozeman – July 25-26, 2009:

The Tour de Bozeman was a very successful, two day, three stage omnium featuring a road race between Bridger Canyon and Wilsall, a time trial on Springhill Road, and crowd-pleasing match sprints down Main Street in downtown Bozeman, organized by GVBC's race teams. The race had a great turnout, with riders coming from Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Washington. Each stage of the race was organized by one of our teams: the TT was put on by Bozeman Masters Velo, Match Sprints were put on by GAS/Intrinsic, and the RR was put on by Team Delphine. Thanks to the hard work by all in putting on this event, especially Amy Frykman (RR), Phil Rotherham (TT), and John Curry and Alex Lussier (Sprints).

Leverich Crank-Up – August 29, 2009

Another new race organized by one of GVBC's race teams, Team Muleterro, was the Leverich Canyon Crank-Up Mountain Bike Race. The race featured laps on the new Leverich downhill course (finished this year at 3 GVBC trail work days), and the new Leverich uphill climb, as well as the Little Debbie decider eating contest for those in the single speed category.



Touring

6 tours were held this season between April 12 – Sept 27:

Yellowstone National Park Ride, Tour de Spud, Tour de Jefferson, the NEW Willow Creek Wanderer (put on by Jason Karp), Ringling to Martinsdale, Tour de Chico (with free lunch for all riders!), and Ringling-Maudlow-Belgrade for cross and mountain bikes.

Thanks to all those who organized and led tours this year: Dave Boggeman, Jason Karp, Michelle Dralle, Sandy Knapp, Roberta Ennis, Rich Seagrave, Jeanne Eggert, Norm Eggert, Jerry Coffey.

Three Rivers Century

We had 80 riders this year - 53 rode the full, 22 rode the Metric, and 5 rode the 1/3 Century. We had riders from Lethbridge, Alberta and Minot, ND, in addition to the usual riders from around Montana. This year we had an 11 year old and a 15 year old, doing the 1/3 century, who had a great time on their first ever organized ride.

Thanks to the Century organizers: Michelle Dralle and Roberta Ennis, and to those who helped out on the day of the Century, especially Rich Seagrave and Chris Dralle, who helped tremendously with many tasks, as did Jason Karp AND his family (his wife, Brenda, his Mother, Father, Mother-in Law, Son, Sister, and Brother-in-Law). We really couldn't have done it without the help of the Karp clan!!

Mountain Biking

We had three Trail Work Days in May and June, centered around National Trails Day, at the Leverich Canyon downhill trail. Work was also completed on the connector trail between the uphill and downhill portions of the Leverich trails. Thanks to Greg Beardslee and Jason Ebert for organizing these trail work days. Also thanks to the Montana Conservation Corps, Brian McNeil of the Bozeman Ranger District, and Team Muleterro for additional work on Leverich. There is plenty more to do next year!

Thanks to John Friedrichs for the effective Montana Mountain Bike.ning website, which has helped mountain bike community on a statewide basis. What a great summer! GRR is initiating a GVBC membership drive for next spring, and we hope to get more mountain bikers involved in GVBC.

Advocacy

We had a GREAT advocacy year with Molly Pickall leading up several new events as our new Advocacy Director.

Sustainable Transportation Seminar: The Sustainable Transportation Seminar featured several panelists from the city and state, including GVLТ, WTI, and Transportation for America, who discussed and answered questions about future plans concerning cyclists and roadways.

Mountain Bike Seminar – June 1, 2009: The Mountain Bike Seminar had a fantastic turnout (over 100 people attended) and featured panelists from IMBA, MMBA, GVLТ, the National Forest, MWA, and more. The seminar focused on issues concerning mountain biking and public lands, and in the second panel, highlighting local mountain biking resources and events, and we heard from Terry Johnson, master Trail Builder, about his idea for a new 26.1 mile Gallatin Face Trail.

Special Olympics State Summer Games – May 14, 2009: 35 volunteers from GVBC came out to help with the cycling events at the MT Special Olympics this year. Matthew Thomsen and Pat Hatfield took on the organization of volunteers to serve as marshals for the 500 and 1000 meter track events, and for the 5k, 10k and 15k TTs on Goldenstein Rd. Thanks to Matthew and Pat, and to everyone who came out, for representing GVBC at this great event!

Family Bike Ride: Molly Pickall headed up this great event, which was co-sponsored by Rosauer's and GVBC, to lead a bike ride for kids and their parents on town trails from Rosauer's to the new Dinosaur Park playground on the west side of town. 12 kids and their parents came out for this ride, and I will admit that the favorite part for most of them was the arrival at the playground!!



Bike Swap

The Bike Swap was a huge success this year, both in terms of money earned, and in the smooth running of the swap as a 2-day event:

2007: We wrote 80 checks to consigners

2008: We wrote 200 checks to consigners

2009: We wrote 221 checks to consigners.....AND, we easily topped last year's gross receipts by more than \$20,000, plus, the event ran smoothly and was stress-free!



If you are not already on the GVBC email list but would like to be, and/or if you are interested in becoming more involved in planning events or any other aspect of GVBC, contact Amy at achiuchiolo@montana.edu.