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**OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

WILL BE ON

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER
4, AT 6:00 PM AT**

**SKAGIT VALLEY
GARDENS.**

**POTLUCK DINNER &
GIFT EXCHANGE**

*Come join the fun at
Skagit Valley Gardens 18923 Johnson Rd.
Bring a potluck dish to share and if you want
to participate in the fast moving, dice game/gift
exchange, bring a \$10.00 generic gift. See you there!*



Off the Back

BY
JEAN SATTLER-WILL



It's time to start thinking about next summer's vacation and where I want to go, there are just too many choices.

I did find a place in Eastern Washington that has horse back riding and wine tasting. It's something I would like to do, the horse may not like it, but he's getting paid to haul me around. It might be better than riding my bike and wine tasting, I've done that before, I think it may be safer to ride the horse. And if you buy any wine they (the Co.) take it back to the start for you. It all sounds very nice!

There is also some fine bicycle riding in Eastern Wash. Walla Walla, for example, has flowing wheat fields, and stupendous views and some riders who are very talented!

You can wine taste right in town, tasting rooms on every block, making it easy to get a sampling of many different wineries.

We just got back from the Oregon coast. Spent a few days looking for storms to watch and walk the beach looking for goodies from the other side of the world. We got sunshine

and balmy temperatures. How come when you leave the bikes at home & go looking for bad weather all you get is sun and warm? It was kind of disappointing, was looking forward to wind and rain. Loved hiking the beaches in the sun, with the firm sand very easy on the joints. Many types of birds were fluttering around us, pecking at the sand then moving ahead, then pecking then moving, it was humorous.

We did see riders fully loaded riding south, the weather just happened to be great for riding the few days we were there. I can't imagine doing the coast ride in November, but then I'm a wuss.

So maybe next summer we'll give it a try, riding down the coast that is. Oregon has such a beautiful coastline; there is something around every corner that's breath taking!

I would like to give a great big Thank You to the officers and board members who helped me this last year. Volunteers like you make this club work. Thanks again!

Ride safe: Jean Sattler-Will

O G W U I P J

“Duarte -- Serialized Cycling Fiction, Part Four

By Ken Rasmussen

Mr. Nyro's card had been bothering Emily for several days. She picked it up and studied it. She ought to phone or throw it away. She tossed it into the trash and walked to her easel. After a few minutes of uninspired painting she went back to the wastebasket, picked up the card, and dialed the number.

After several rings, a dignified voice answered, “You have reached the Nyro residence. How may I assist you?”

Emily explained that Mr. Nyro had relayed a message to her regarding his interest in a painting by Mr. Duarte, but that the painting was not for sale. She allowed herself to be persuaded to leave her name and phone number. There, she thought. If he isn't serious he'll leave me in peace, and if he is he'll have to defeat my resolution with an irresistible offer.

Fifteen minutes later the phone rang. That will be him, she thought, as she picked up the receiver. Instead she recognized Duarte's voice. “We're supposed to have good weather for the next several days. What would you say to a run up the coast on the bicycles tomorrow or the day after? Have you got time?”

Emily thought it over. She didn't want to lead the old guy on, but she did want to show her work in his gallery. A bike ride was innocuous as dates went and besides, she loved cycling. Since she didn't have a car the coast was normally out of range for a day trip. “Sure, I'd love to go. You're not going to have a heart attack on those coastal hills are you?”

“I don't have heart attacks on rides of less than 150 miles,” he said. She imagined him grinning on the other end. He was a good sport. It was a pity he was so old. “I'll bring your painting over, and pick mine up after the ride, if that suits you.”

“Sounds good. Which day is better for you, Mr. Duarte?”

“Just Duarte, please. Formality doesn't suit me. The weather is supposed to be good today, and probably tomorrow. I'm less sure about the day after. How about tomorrow?”

“Tomorrow sounds fine. Would you like to come by at about 9?”

“I'll be there. Have you spoken to Nyro yet?”

“I left a message a few minutes ago saying that the painting wasn't for sale. I don't know if he'll call.”

“He'll call. He got rich by being aggressive. I doubt if you could keep that painting from him. If you won't accept his offer he might create a situation in which you'd need money—by suing you, perhaps. Don't allow that to happen.”

“To me he's just a big fish nibbling my bait.”

“Just be careful. You're swimming with the sharks when you do business with guys like Nyro.”

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Dmitri Nyro studied the painting carefully. He'd hung the Duarte paintings an hour ago, and this was his first opportunity to enjoy them. He was intensely excited. He could scarcely wait to dazzle the art world with his discovery. What a sensation it would cause! In the meantime, he planned to acquire as much of Duarte's work as possible, especially major works like the Greek painting and the five he already had.

“Sir, luncheon is served.”

“Thank you, Cyril. I'll be right there.”

“Sir, a young lady telephoned. She left a message to

say that the painting by Mr. Duarte was not for sale.”

“Damn! Were you able to get her phone number?”

“Yes sir. Her name and number are here, sir.”

“Good man, Cyril! I'll give her a call after lunch.”

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Dmitri rose from his computer and went to the telephone. He'd been able to learn that Emily was an artist, though not well known, and it appeared that she was a professional picture framer. That might be a useful pretext for a meeting. Her studio was in a low rent area, which probably meant that she was not well to do. On the other hand, she was buying original art, so maybe she was. He dialed her number.

A youthful female voice answered the phone, “Lack studio and framing.”

“Hello, I'm Dimitri Nyro. Are you Miss Lack?”

“Yes, Mr. Nyro. What can I do for you?”

“I understand you're the buyer of a painting by Mr. Duarte, a painting of a Greek temple.”

“Yes, I purchased that painting.”

“I'd like to buy it from you.”

“I'm sorry. I thought I'd made it clear to your man that it isn't for sale.”

“He passed your message to me, but Mr. Duarte sells his work too cheaply, and I'm prepared to pay you the actual value of the painting, which is more than what you must have paid.”

“Why don't you contact me in a few years after I've had time to tire of the painting? At present I'm enjoying it. I draw inspiration from it.”

Nyro realized that he was approaching a refusal, and changed tactics. “You and I share a similar appreciation of Mr. Duarte's work, then. I respect you for that. I have another question. When you answered the phone I got the impression that you do professional framing. Is that correct?”

“Yes, I do framing. I also do restoration work on damaged paintings and frames.”

“That is a piece of luck for me, then. I have a collection, and may need your services. I'd like to bring over a couple of canvases.”

“I'll be out tomorrow, but I could meet with you on the following day.”

“Good. In the meantime, would you consider whether there is a price you would take for your painting? I'm a reasonable person, and a wealthy one. I think you'd be surprised to discover how much that painting is worth to me. You could buy a dozen really fine paintings with what I would pay you.”

“I'll think it over, but don't get your hopes up. There's only one Duarte.”



SKAGIT BICYCLE CLUB MILAGE LOG 2012

	<i>JAN</i>	<i>FEB</i>	<i>MAR</i>	<i>APR</i>	<i>MAY</i>	<i>JUN</i>	<i>JUL</i>	<i>AUG</i>	<i>SEP</i>	<i>OCT</i>	<i>NOV</i>	<i>DEC</i>
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Rides & more



December 4th, 11th & 18th (Sundays) Centennial trail

Meet at 1:00pm at the Centennial trail parking off 67th Ave. just south of 172nd. A social road/paved trail ride going north or south on the trail & road sections, with stops for coffee to warm up. Rain, snow cancels.

Ride Leader

Rod McDonald

360-654-1499 or rodmc@cedarcomm.com

December 31st Ski Stevens Pass

Meet at 8:00am to carpool to Steven's Pass Nordic Center for XC skiing. Rentals available at the center. Bring a lunch or \$ to eat at lodge. If it's going to be cold and snowing this winter, may as well make the best of it!

Ride Leader

Marshall Will

360-929-5003 or cesiwill@msn.com

January 1st, 2012

New Years Day rendezvous ride

We'll be continuing our New Years ride to rendezvous tradition to the Station Restaurant on Morris in LaConner to start the year out right, (or at least on a bicycle). Bring \$ for breakfast/lunch or coffee. Arriving at approximately 12:30pm from:

1) Meet at Burlington Regional Park on Burlington Blvd just north of the High School at 11:00pm. Social RR.

Ride Leader

Jane Monroe

360-424-4619

2) Meet at the old Stanwood Velo location behind Viking Village in Stanwood at 11:00am. Social/moderate RR.

Ride Leader

Rod McDonald

360-654-1499 or rodmc@cedarcomm.com

3) Meet at Martch Point park & ride at 11:00am. Social/moderate RR.

Ride Leader

To be announced in January newsletter....

Thursday Joy Ride--November 10, 2011

Conway Red Barn

by Cindy McGuiness

I was so grateful for the weather-friendly day we had. It was dry. It was sunny. Our biking route was colored with brilliant fall leaves on quiet twisting back roads, some jolly good hills that passed by elegant horse ranches and distant mountain views of Whitehorse, 3 Fingers, and Mt. Pilchuck. And add wonderful riding companions.

Thank you Lee Johnson, Jane Monroe, Hanspeter Gehrig, Roy Pringle, Barbara Kline, Bill Pfeffer, Marci Maulden, Jim Asa, and Jennifer McCoy. You all made it a Joyful Ride, and that's for sure !!

A very big thank you to Matt Plush for organizing the first annual **Halloween Trick or Treat ride** in the Kettles.

There were 16+ riders scattered among the Confusion area trails, looking for the pumpkins that signaled hidden candy caches. It was great to watch the kids ride tough trails with such fervor (candy is a great motivator). Matt got a fire going and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows for a culminating event. This was a last minute ride, but Matt pulled it off well. A thank you also goes out also to Darcy Patterson and Dave Harrington, for navigating the older kid's ride and to Brian Dowling for remembering to take pictures.

We are thinking of having this ride the Sunday the week before Halloween next year to keep things from bunching up. With some advanced planning we could have some fun spooks added to the ride such as having the start and finish going through the old fort with some spooky sounds and lights to set the mood. Organizers could have the fire going before the riders return and an advanced pumpkin cache hunt could be added for older aged kids and adults who want a tough workout to balance their candy consumption. Send in your ideas and let's make this a great annual event.

Brian

Ski Trip in February.....

Let's get together for a ski trip in February.

How about Feb 9th through the 12th? Where do you want to go? I was thinking of Sun Peaks, Silverstar, or Whistler. Let me know where you'd like to do. I'll plan the trip - downhill and cross country, condo rental. Meals can be at the condo or eat out. Last year's trip was a wonderful adventure. I plan on an excellent adventure this year too!

Jennifer McCoy, (360) 336-2528.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

December 2011

KEY: RR=ROAD RIDE BFR=BREAKFAST RIDE MTBR=MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE
 RLH= STARTS AT THE RIDE LEADER'S HOME*
 RIDE PACE IN MPH: EASY: UNDER 10 (E) SOCIAL: 10-12 (S) MODERATE: 12-16 (M)
 BRISK 16-20 (B) STRENUOUS 21+ (ST)
 IF WEATHER IS QUESTIONABLE CALL THE RIDE LEADER.

1
 11:00AM
 "JOYRIDE" S/RR
 EDGEWATER PARK
 - M.V.
 JENNIFER MCCOY
 360 424 5502

2

3
 9:00AM
 SNOWSHOE HIKE RLH
 DAVE MAZZARELLA
 360 840 5602

4
 1:00PM S/RR
 CENTENNIAL TRAILHEAD -
 ARLINGTON
 ROD McDONALD 360 654-
 1499

 6:00PM CHRISTMAS
 PARTY & POTLUCK
 SKAGIT VALLEY
 GARDENS

5
 11:00AM
 FARMHOUSE INN
 M/RR
 DAN SANDSTROM
 360 708 7108

6
 6:00 PM
 BOARD MEETING
 WASHINGTON
 FEDERAL SAVINGS
 BANK-BURLINGTON
 JEAN SATTLER WILL
 360 710 9577

 St. Nicholas Day

7
 Pearl Harbor Day

8
 11:00AM
 EDGEWATER PARK -
 M.V.
 "JOYRIDE" S/RR
 CINDY MCGUINESS
 360 428 1816

9
 10:30AM
 COFFEE RIDE
 M-S/RR
 EDGEWATER PARK -
 M.V.
 JEAN SATTLER-WILL
 360 710 9577

10
 "RED BARN RAMBLE"
 CONWAY RED BARN
 JEAN SATTLER WILL
 360 710 9577

11
 NOON
 B/RR RLH
 DAVE MAZZARELLA
 360 840 5602
 1:00PM S/RR

 CENTENNIAL TRAILHEAD
 - ARLINGTON
 ROD McDONALD
 360 654 1499

12

13

14

15
 11:00AM
 "JOYRIDE" S/RR
 EDGEWATER PARK
 - M.V.
 JENNIFER MCCOY
 360 424 5502

16

 Newsletter
 Deadline

17
 10:00AM B/RR
 WASHINGTON SCHOOL
 -MV
 JIM FINCH
 360 770 5915

18
 NOON
 B/RR RLH
 DAVE MAZZARELLA
 360 840 5602

19
 11:00PM
 M/RR
 FARMHOUSE INN
 DAN SANDSTROM
 360 708 7108

20

21

 Winter Solstice

22

23
 11:00AM RLH
 M-S/RR
 ROSE PLOEG
 360 202 1716

24
 10:00AM
 "RED BARN RAMBLE"
 CONWAY RED BARN
 MARSHALL WILL
 360 929 5003

25

 Christmas Day

26
 11:00PM
 M/RR
 FARMHOUSE INN
 DIAN JAHN
 425 830 5381

 Boxing Day

27
 National Fruitcake
 Day

28

29

30

31
 8:00AM
 SKI STEVENS PASS
 EXIT 212 PARK &
 RIDE
 MARSHALL WILL
 360 929 5003

 New Year's Eve

NEW YEARS DAY RIDE
 TO LACONNER

 OLD STANWOOD VELO
 ROD McDONALD
 360 654 1499

 11:00AM BURLINGTON
 REGIONAL PARK
 JANE MONROE
 360 424 4619

 11:00AM MARCH POINT
 PARK & RIDE

Board Briefs

SBC GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2011
WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS
BURLINGTON, WA

Present: Jean Sattler-Will, Marshall Will, Jen and Bill Woyski, Steve and Dian Jahn, Craig and Jill Langley, Chris Hanson, Jamie Wells, Jim Finch, Jennifer McCoy, Bill Thayer, Janice Lisherness and Phil Smoots.

Welcome to new members: Charlie Herron of Bellingham, Eileen Sterns of Mt Vernon, John Stewart of Bellingham, Kent Stellby of Anacortes, and Jeroldine Hallberg and Frank Lacey of Sedro Woolley.

The October 4th meeting minutes and the October 19th minutes, (annual dinner meeting), were approved with no corrections.

RIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

There was discussion about the recent ride calendar not being complete. Mistakes were made. Jean said a late breaking news flash needs to go out to clarify all rides for November.

Bill Thayer will bring the January ride calendar to our next board meeting so ride leaders for the Ramble Ride can be penciled in. Thanks to Craig and Jill Langley for getting the Ramble Ride going, and for being its fearless leaders. Now it is time for other club members to help lead it.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion about our donations and how much we would like to donate this year. The club made only about \$2,000 on this year's Spring Classic, because of the dismal weather. Last year, we made \$4,000. Because we didn't make much money this year, the board decided to award our donation money to the top three recipients that club members voted for, which are listed below:

1. Skagit County Special Olympics Cycling Team
2. Bakerview BMX-
3. Rails to Trails (Centennial Trail)

Jean tabled further discussion until our next board meeting, at which time we will decide how much money we would like to give to each recipient. Marshall is going to find out how much a bench costs. We may want to pay for one that would be placed on the Centennial Trail.

Christmas Party:

Our annual Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 4th, at 6:00 pm at Skagit Valley Gardens. It will be our usual potluck dinner.

SBC Website:

There was much discussion about this. The motion was made and carried that SBC will host and maintain its own website, and that Jamie Wells will get it up and running

Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 6:00 pm at Washington Federal Savings Bank in Burlington.

Respectfully,
Jen Woyski, Secretary

Club Information

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Bike Travel Cases: Deposit is \$100 and is refundable upon the return of the case. The borrower is responsible for the pickup and drop off of the case.

Bike Travel Trailer: "BOB" bike trailer with a water proof duffel
Club Bike Racks: Four Yakima bike carriers attach to a roof rack 1 inch round bars front and rear. fork mount/ mounts for the front wheel. Currently kept in the Storage Unit in Mount Vernon. To check out and arrange a pickup of any of the above items contact Bill Thayer 360 757 2679 or Jane Monroe 360 424 4619

If you are having issues with the email edition of the Newsletter please contact us through the website or via Marshall Will at 360 929 5003 or cesiwill@msn.com. Copies of the newsletter will be mailed upon request.

Membership benefits include 10% off at the following businesses:

Bicycles NW
31531 SR 20 Oak Harbor 360
279 8919

Racks and Beyond
1817 Bouslog Rd, Burlington,
WA 98233
360 428 2665 www.
racksandbeyond.com

Skagit Cycle Center
1704 S Burlington Blvd
Burlington 360 757 7910
1620 Commercial Ave.
Anacortes 360 588 7910

Arlington Velo Sport Bicycle Shop
401 N Olympic Ave
Arlington, WA 98223 360-629-
6415
<http://www.stanwoodvelosport.com>

**Club Members:
Please remember to
show your member-
ship card to receive
your discount at the
above businesses.**

Skagit Bicycle Club
P.O. Box 363
Burlington WA 98233

Skagit Bicycle Club Membership Form

Check One: New Renewal

Annual Dues: Individual \$ 15.00 Family \$ 20.00

Name
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