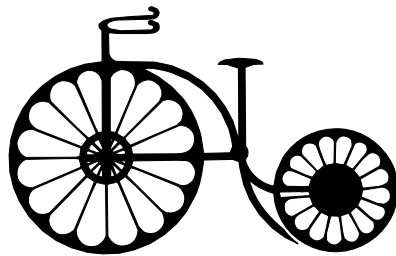


Bike Lane



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A Word From Our Chairman

First of all, I want to thank everybody who participated in our kick-off meeting in November. The turn-out was fantastic, which just shows how much interest there is in bicycling in Ventura County. Lets keep the momentum going with our January 11th meeting and election.

I'd like to take a few moments and introduce the steering committee to you. As many of you know, the steering committee has been leading our movement in the initial stages of organization. What you may not know is that we've been doing it since July! It's not easy trying to create an organization for a group of people as diverse and widespread as we cyclists. That's why we're so excited about getting the rest of you involved. We need your participation to better understand and address the needs of all cyclists countywide.

Anyway, back to the introduction - We're just a group of concerned cyclists like yourself. We come from all over the county. Some of us are bicycle commuters; some are purely recreational cyclists. All of us enjoy cycling and the benefits that come from it! We want to see more cyclists riding more safely to more places more often. There are seven core members:

- Lance Christensen - harassed everybody enough to get this rolling
(so they stuck me with the "chairman" title for revenge)
- Carol Sirott - does all the real work
(also President of OVBC - Oxnard/Ventura Bicycle Club)
- J.C. Simmons - prints up all this stuff
(also President of CVC - Conejo Valley Cyclists)
- Judy Willens - keeps track of the database
- Bill Fraser - talks to everybody behind the scenes at public appearances
(also represents the Old Kranks cycle club)
- Aaron Hanson - works with the press and the politicians
- Ken Atterholt - does anything that's left over and our technical guru

Most of us have been kicking around the idea of organized advocacy for a while now, and have been involved at some level in the community. We recognize that, whether it's for recreation, for exercise, for transportation, or just to escape the drudgeries of life, be it on road or off road, we all have similar needs and, if we join together, we can get a lot more done. Come join us in the Ventura County Bicycle Coalition.

Many thanks to all the members of the steering committee for all the work they've done so far.



Finally equality with motorists?

Organizational Meeting & General Election

**Tues - January 11th
7:00 pm**

**Camarillo Health Care Dist.
Building F - Room 161
3639 E. Las Posas Rd.
Camarillo, CA**

**Membership form
Nomination form**

**&
Map to Meeting enclosed**