

Weekend Tour Coordinator Report for the 2016 Cycling Season.

One of our goals was to have at least one ride per weekend from mid-May to mid-September. As usual and as required, club members stepped up with time, energy, and creativity to lead a variety of rides. More than 15 different leaders stepped up to fill the schedule. As Tour Coordinator and on behalf of the entire club, thank you!

Another goal was to provide a variety of types of rides. We completed Gone with the Wind, Over the Hill Orchard, a self-supported tour to Lumsden, several mountain-bike rides, highway rides, and theme rides.

Perhaps a sign of the times, the annual Teddy Tour ended up cancelled at the last minute due to a lack of interest. Maybe it's time to start a new May long weekend tradition?

Most rides occurred on Saturdays rather than Sundays. This was a product of when volunteers were available rather than any prohibition of Sunday rides. We could do both!

Rides ranged from just a couple riders to more than 20 on some occasions.

Rides were fun, safe, inclusive, and, a learning experience, as usual. Tina learned first hand how to change a tire (and wasn't that a breeze?) and Nancy got to feel what it was like to try to pump a tire up using a frame-pump. I'm sure there was more, but just a couple stories to get the idea.

Ideas for 2017 include reviving the Freewheeler Triathlon, a progressive supper, maybe another hub and spoke, a learn to tour ride, a week-long self-supported tour, partnering with other clubs for some bigger weekend rides, and CanBike instruction.

The Wind ride is fun, but expensive. We could try to use the SCA van (cheaper but has intermittent air condition) or perhaps renting the van as usual, but running two consecutive wind rides on one weekend (seeing as we need to rent the van for Saturday and Sunday, regardless). Thoughts?