

CCCTS

Fraser Valley Chapter

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Chapter News

To say that Fraser Valley Chapter has been busy over the past year would be an understatement. As you will read further in this edition of the Fall Newsletter, there have been several events, a number of initiatives and, of course, weekly rides to connect all members. Here's a snapshot:

- *Social Events:* Christmas Lunch and Summer BBQ
- *Special Rides:* Century Ride and Victoria Ride
- *Ride Safety:* Safety Seminar and updated Ride Safety Guideline – Best Practice for Group Rides document
- *Communications:* Member survey, Chapter Newsletter & Bulletins
- *Chapter Development:* Steering Committee formed and preparations made for the first FV Chapter AGM

There are lots of opportunities for members who want to become involved further in FV Chapter activities so be sure to read on - there is something for everyone.

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1st Annual General Meeting

Wednesday December 12th, 11:00 – 12:00 pm

Location: Ricky's ABC Family Restaurant, 2160 King George Hwy

Open to all CCCTS members. Voting members are only those who have selected Fraser Valley as their home Chapter.

Purpose of meeting

- to seek membership approval to continue the process of establishing a Chapter and, if so,
- to seek membership approval of the proposed Chapter Constitution, and
- to choose an Executive Committee.

Information will be emailed to FV members in November
All members are encouraged to attend

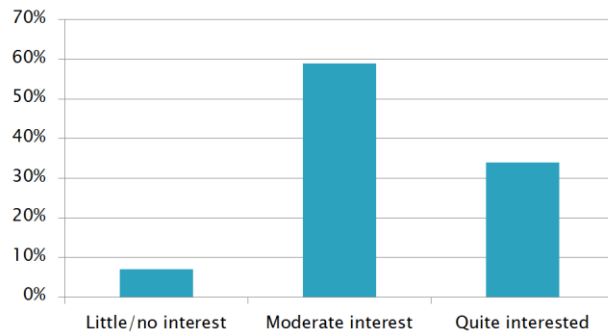
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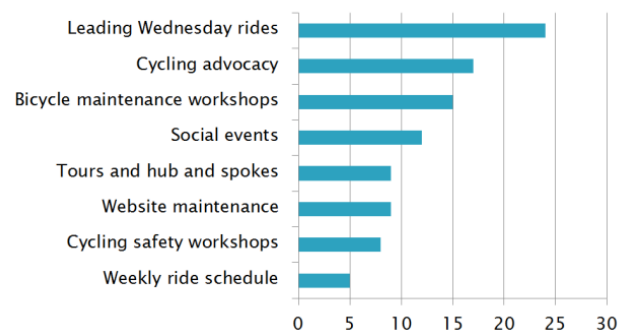
Moving Towards Becoming a Chapter

In November 2017, a survey was conducted to CCCTS Fraser Valley members to determine FV members' interest in other cycling-related activities beyond weekly Wednesday rides. The degree of interest in becoming a formal Chapter was also asked of members. In total, 49 members responded to the survey and, as the following charts show, there was considerable interest in becoming a chapter.

Interest in Becoming a More Active "Chapter"?



Interested in Being Involved in Chapter Activities?



Subsequently, six people (Jenni Lynnea, Janet Whitehead, Leslie Beleski, Neil McNeill, Clark Woodland and Chris Hodgson) formed an informal Steering Committee to develop an action plan to become a Chapter. The committee has had several meetings and intends to bring its recommendations to FV members at a first Annual General Meeting (AGM) on December 12th (prior to the Christmas lunch). More information will be emailed to FV members in November.

If you would like to join the Steering Committee, please contact Leslie Beleski at lbeleski@shaw.ca

The Steering Committee is also looking for members to who would like to take an active role in the Fraser Valley Chapter. In order to fulfill Chapter requirements, the positions of President, President Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, Ride Coordinator and Members at Large need to be filled. If you would like more information on these positions, contact a member of the Steering Committee or email Leslie Beleski at lbeleski@shaw.ca.

Why Form a Chapter?

Many members might be surprised to know that the Fraser Valley group is not a formal Chapter so the question arises – Why form a Chapter? There are a number of “pros” to having formal Chapter status which include:

1. Stronger support of the overall objectives of CCCTS as outlined in the Club constitution
2. Expand the range and effectiveness of “local” activities such as advocacy with local government, safety and maintenance workshops, tours and hub & spokes and social events
3. Access to CCCTS legacy funds to provide funding assistance for local initiatives



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Thank you Ride Leaders

Thank you to all Ride Leaders for your ongoing leadership of leading riders so all members can enjoy interesting, safe and well planned routes.

If you have an interest in becoming a Ride Leader but perhaps need a little nudge – contact Neil Moroney for more information. The FV Chapter is currently revising its Rider Leader Guidelines and is exploring the facilitation of a Ride Leader training session – stay tuned!

Ride Schedule

For the Fall Ride Schedule

>> ***click here***



R&S Vintage Bicycles

Ride Safety

Those of you who have been on Wednesday rides in the past several months are aware that more emphasis is being placed on safety and safe riding practices. There are a number of reasons for this:

- Numbers on our Wednesday rides continue to grow as we attract new riders - which is a good thing. However, riding in groups is inherently more dangerous than riding alone and, the larger the group, the greater the risk. So, all of us need to ride more safely.
- Some of the things we do when we ride (e.g., riding double file) are contrary to the BC Motor Vehicle Act and can no longer be condoned.

Jenni Lynnea, Janet Whitehead and Neil McNeill organized an excellent Cycle Safety workshop (June 2018) facilitated by 2 Delta police officers. However, fewer than a dozen riders attended the workshop. So, it was decided that, rather than workshops, the best way to increase safety awareness was through a number of efforts such as safety talks on Wednesday rides.

So, on recent Wednesday rides, Ride Leaders and others have been talking about safety and asking riders to set a good example for other cyclists. The overall feedback from our Wednesday riders has been very positive. Thank you riders!

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Century Ride

Thank you Chris for organizing this year's ride. Congratulations to all riders who participated!



PHOTO

Back row: Glen Evans, Ed Dillon, Neil McNeill, Gord Robertson (with shades). Centre Row: Debbie Scott, Sharon Skitch, Rick Ketcheson, Andrew McIndoe, Sue Bunton, Madhuri Pendharkar. Kneeling: Carol Evans, Chris Hodgson, Jennie McIndoe, Lynn Robertson. Dashing David Liggat took off before the photo was taken

Summer BBQ

Many thanks to Monica and Kevin Zack for hosting a most enjoyable and delicious BBQ at their home on the evening of Saturday, August 18th. Over 40 people attended – mostly CCCTS members plus a few spouses/partners/significant others.



Bicycle Maintenance Tip

Keep a log of distance ridden so you know when to replace tires and chain

Clean your bike and clean/oil chain regularly especially after riding on wet or dusty roads.

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Christmas Lunch

Wednesday December 12

**AGM at 11:00 am
Lunch at 12:00 noon**

Location: Ricky's ABC Family Restaurant,
2160 King George Hwy, South Surrey

The annual luncheon is a time to enjoy great camaraderie, lots of laughs and reminisce with a few pics of our adventures and misadventures over the year.



Guests on Club Rides

Guests are welcome on any chapter ride but it is the responsibility of the member who has invited them to ensure that the guests are capable of riding with the FV group (speed and safety considerations) and the member must ride with the guests they invited. Guests who cannot maintain the normal pace of the FV group may be "dropped" and, at that point, they become the responsibility of the member who invited them.

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Jenni Lynnea, Leslie Beleski

Safe Cycling Tip

During the fall and winter increase your "visibility" to other cyclists and drivers by having front and back lights.

New Members

CCCTS Fraser Valley – we are **100+** Members strong!

We welcome the following new members - Fred Butler, Leslie Beale, Scott Henwick and David Lehane.

We regret to report that Walter Griffioen who, along with his wife Marion, rode regularly with the club until a few years ago passed away in early September.