

CHAIN REACTION

MARCH 2015

ORANGE COUNTY WHEELMEN MONTHLY NEWS



From the Desk of The Prez.....

Miguel Perea
OCW President

Well, hello everyone! Miguel here, the new OCW Prez. It is quite a trip to spend the last few weeks before the Awards Banquet preparing for the interview with our guest speaker, and then immediately after running my first board of directors' meeting. I thought I was ready until I was reminded, very kindly, by the more experienced members of the board of the various steps I needed to take – asking the directors if they would be willing to continue their service for another year, then if agreed, appointing them to their posts. Eventually I managed to get back to the actual agenda and ask our new VP, John Renowden, for his report. In short, I have a lot to learn. Still, I am confident that we have an extraordinary group of people in the board of directors, looking out for the best interests of all OCW members. What makes the existence of this club possible is the willingness on the part of so many people to donate their time, expertise, and most of all effort, to do good things for all cyclists, whether part of OCW or not. On that vein, I want to give a shout to Irene and Jim Walker, who contin-

ue to lead us all with their example and continuous dedication to OCW. The Walkers make things easier for everyone in the club and I am grateful for their support. Also, I want to thank Paul D'Aquanni, our outgoing President, for the great work he did during his term to bring much needed discipline in our financial procedures. We are in much stronger financial position thanks to Paul's leadership, and we all appreciate his efforts.

Finally, Daylight Savings Time for 2015 begins this Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 AM. Additionally, all weekend rides will start at 8:30 AM starting on Saturday, March 7. This was a decision made by the board at the last meeting, in an effort to eliminate confusion of different starting times at different times of the year. It may not be what everyone likes, but starting at the same time all year-round will bring simplicity and clarity to this issue. Thanks to everyone who voted for the 2015 slate of OCW officers. We appreciate your support.

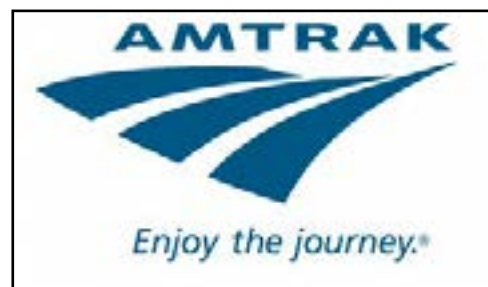
More to come in the Quarterly Chain Reaction issue, coming up in April. Ride safe.



Saturday, March 28, 2015



**Ride Around the Bear
Saturday, June 6, 2015**



**Amtrak Century
Saturday, September 12, 2015**



OCW's Public Relations Update

Stacy Kline
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Bike Month is Coming...Bike Month is Coming!

Wow, another year has passed, and another national Bike Month is fast approaching with so many activities to join in to celebrate a month dedicated to cycling. Check out the [OCTA](#) and the [OCBC](#) websites to find out what's going on during this most special of months! [The Santa Ana Active Streets Coalition](#) is working hard to help bring special Bike Month events to Santa Ana in collaboration with City of Santa Ana and OCTA; check out their website, too!

Got Bikes (to donate)?

What would Bike Month be like without a bike to ride? Many students in the Santa Ana Unified School District where I work simply cannot afford to purchase a bike to ride. If you'd like to help, please email me at lci@ocwheelmen.org to donate a rideable used bike, and we'll make sure it gets to a child in need or to Santa Ana's very own [Bicycle Tree](#) bike co-op. Check out the video about the most recent group of my students who completed The Bicycle Tree's "Wrench and Ride" program where students learned to restore and maintain a bike, and then got to keep the bike they had been working on! http://youtu.be/zP7ifQEtf_M

Congratulations to the Newest Traffic Skills 101 Graduates!

February was a busy month with the Presidents Day holiday and banquet, and it became even busier with the latest Traffic Skills 101 class offered on the same day as the banquet! 12 students took, passed the class, most importantly, enjoyed the class as they learned how to ride safely and legally on the road. OCW now has almost 150 TS-101 trained cyclists on the road! Keep your eyes peeled for our next class to be held in May. Greg Kline posted a movie he made of the day on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/1-9e29mCP-PQ> Enjoy!

The Orange County Bicycle Coalition Needs You!

Last month the Orange County Bicycle Coalition offered complimentary memberships to OCW members

due to OCW's annual financial support of our wonderful, local, bicycling advocacy organization. Please consider volunteering with the OCBC, offering financial support, and learning more about how you can help advocate for the rights of bicyclists in The OC. Visit ocbike.org for more information!

Coyote Creek Bike Day on Sunday, March 29, 2015, 10AM - 2PM

Come celebrate the opening of the brand new Coyote Creek Bike Trail which connects the north end of the San Gabriel River Trail to the Union Pacific ROW Bike Trail. OCW will be emailing the event flier soon. The event hub will be at the Behringer Athletic Facility along the new trail. OCTA has asked the OC Wheelmen to volunteer at the event, so if you'd like to help as a cycling mentor, please email me! Please let OCTA know how much we appreciate their commitment to cyclists and bicycling in Orange County! Learn more about OCTA's commitment to completing the 66-mile OC Loop here: <http://www.octa.net/Share-the-Ride/Bike/The-OC-Loop/>



OCW CLUB LINKS

HOME PAGE: www.ocwheelmen.org

CALENDAR: www.ocwheelmen.org/page/show/418357-calendar

OFFICERS: www.ocwheelmen.org/page/show/419328-officers

DIRECTORS: www.ocwheelmen.org/page/show/419332-directors

SUPPORTING MEMBERS: www.ocwheelmen.org/page/show/424483-supporting-memberships

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March Folding (Brain Storm) Party at the Perea residence, Thursday, March 19, 2015 from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Please **RSVP** to: miguel.perea@ocwheelmen.org

For more information on hosting a folding party, log onto:

<http://www.ocwheelmen.org/page/show/470759-folding-party>

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Spring Metric

March 28, 2015

OCW members be sure to identify the discount code. It will be found in the Spring Metric website area. Be sure you are logged in and you will see the discount code on the left-side Nav bar in the Spring Metric area.

[Click here to register](#)

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