



AUTUMN Updates



President Marg Harris



Filberg Bike Lock-up



School Rodeo street ride



Member Doug Warren

This summer the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition (CVCCo) has been active in voicing concerns regarding the recent paving inadequacies. In a article in the Record newspaper on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, Scott Strasser interviewed CVCCo President Marg Harris about the dangers to cyclists that exist because of the paving conditions of some roads in the Valley. The article outlined how CVCCo has already had discussions with local governments as well as the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, through Minister Claire Trevena, Courtenay-Comox MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard and Courtenay-Alberni MP Gord Johns. During this time valley cyclists have also added their voices to the issue utilizing both print and social media. We appreciate the support we have received by email, Facebook and personal commentary. We will continue to work hard to promote improved conditions for cyclists in the valley. Please continue your efforts to communicate your concerns to our local, Provincial and Federal politicians. There IS strength in numbers!

Our bicycle racks have been put to good use this year. To date we have both loaned them out, and utilized them ourselves for several events, including the:

Bicycle Swap at Puntledge School - April 20-30;

Snow to Surf Relay- Kayak to Bike exchange - April 23;

Bike to Work Week Courtenay City Hall Celebration Station - May 29 - June 4;

Music Fest - July 13 -17;

Filberg Festival - August 4-7; and the

YANA ride- August 20;

The next scheduled events are the:

Royal LePage Petit Fondo - September 10; and the

Cycle Farm Tour - September 24.

Education Coordinator Angela Dawson continues to coordinate the Adult Cycling Skills courses and the Elementary School bicycle Rodeos. She will be contacting schools and organizing dates. Angela is always looking for more volunteers for these fun-filled events. For a first-hand look at the school rodeos visit <https://youtu.be/hLwtOIWdNyk>

A happy news update on long-time coalition member Doug Warren, who was involved in a bike/car collision on the connector near Piercy Rd on July 12. Doug, who was initially airlifted to ICU in Victoria is being released from hospital on August 30. He has worked very hard in rehabilitation and has exceeded the expectations of all of his specialists, both physically and cognitively. Physio and rehab will continue when he is back in the Comox Valley and our best wishes go out to Doug and Cathy as he continues to recover.