



# Christmas 2017

## We've Been Busy

We recently had two opportunities to raise awareness both about the fact that cyclists continue to be on the road during the winter and about the work of the CV Cycling Coalition.

On November 23rd, Julie & Rick Howell had their excellent article published in the local paper and online, outlining what the coalition does, especially in terms of educating youth and promoting safe cycling habits.

On November 28, president Marg Harris used a response to a "Beef" in the local paper about the signalling practices of a bicycle Police officer as an opportunity to clarify a rule of the road for cyclists around correct hand signals for right-hand turns.



Coalition members are keeping abreast of cycling infrastructure developments. We currently have two members sitting on the Regional Integrated Transportation Select committee of the Comox Valley Regional district. Additionally, we are following efforts being made to investigate the possibility of provincial funding to be spent on a multi-purpose path along the Dyke

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Winter is now upon us and for Comox Valley cyclists this can mean a change in cycling routines or, for some, a complete cessation until nicer weather arrives. Being December, the holiday season has also arrived.

The act of gift giving is one aspect of the holidays that often gets criticized. While many of us do not agree with the commercialism of the season, giving gifts is traditionally an integral part of friendships and relationships at this time. As we get older, most of us find that being able to give someone a gift that makes them smile, something that they love and enjoy using often, becomes more exciting than receiving them. In the spirit of making someone special smile, the newsletter staff put some thought into cycling gifts.

Although a gift certificate to any of the local bike shops is a welcome gift, the editorial staff discovered that there is a wealth of ideas for cyclists. So, for example, if your cyclist rides after dark, make them ultra visible. Since many car drivers are not looking for cyclists in the road after dark the addition of bright lights, in addition to the mandatory front and rear lights provides increased visibility. One of our coalition members has incorporated monkeyelectric lighting onto his bike, <https://www.monkeyelectric.com/> and noted, "Have one on my bike, love it."



If you are in the market for very practical cycling gifts for children, and are interested in supporting a relatively new local enterprise, which specializes in Hi-Viz and great quality vests, coats for kids to cycle in, check out: <https://www.lilworkersafety.ca/>



If you want ideas or have no conception of what kind of items a cyclist would want, one site is so comprehensive that it divides shopping ideas into no less than 16 categories;

<http://www.bikeradar.com/tags/xmas-gift-guide/>

This site professes to have—The best:

- Christmas gifts for road cyclists
- Christmas gifts for mountain bikers
- Christmas gifts for female road cyclists
- Christmas gifts for female mountain bikers
- Christmas gifts for cyclists who love their gadgets
- Christmas gifts for the mud loving cyclocrosser



Road, running from 17th Street to the base of Comox hill. This would provide safe access for pedestrians, cyclists and scooters.



A reminder that the AGM will be held on Tuesday March 6 at the Florence Filberg Centre. In addition to the annual reports, cyclist Gregg Strong will be doing a presentation on "Cycling Vancouver Island, on and off road. Gregg has cycled extensively around the globe and, since his move to the Comox Valley has been focussing on the myriad of cycling opportunities on Vancouver Island. You can check out Gregg's website at:

<https://www.backroadsbiketouring.com/>



Long-time coalition member and activist Sue Vince continues to work on public awareness of cycling and the CV cycling coalition utilizing Shaw cable and the local cable TV channel. Her latest video "A Christmas video" can be seen at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVFjdwhCZJY>



Christmas gifts for daredevil cyclists  
Christmas gifts for the designer cyclist  
Christmas gifts for those who commute by bike  
Christmas gifts for the beginner cyclist  
Christmas gifts for the cyclist who has everything  
Christmas gifts for gravel and adventure cyclists  
Christmas stocking stuffers for cyclists  
Kids' bikes for Christmas  
Tacky Christmas cycling jerseys  
Cheap Christmas gifts for cyclists

If you want to continue looking, the "Uncommon Goods" site has a variety of unique items.

[https://www.uncommongoods.com/search.html/find/?=bicycle&aw\\_cid=976829748&aw\\_aid=55281199824&aw\\_dev=t&aw\\_loc=9001614&aw\\_key=cool%20biking%20gifts&aw\\_mtype=b&aw\\_net=g&aw\\_ad=232787663000&aw\\_pos=1t1&aw\\_shopid=&aw\\_prod\\_partid=&gclid=EAIAIQobChMIzuONG-3h1wIVEarsCh11IgibEAAYASAAEgKFsvD\\_BwE](https://www.uncommongoods.com/search.html/find/?=bicycle&aw_cid=976829748&aw_aid=55281199824&aw_dev=t&aw_loc=9001614&aw_key=cool%20biking%20gifts&aw_mtype=b&aw_net=g&aw_ad=232787663000&aw_pos=1t1&aw_shopid=&aw_prod_partid=&gclid=EAIAIQobChMIzuONG-3h1wIVEarsCh11IgibEAAYASAAEgKFsvD_BwE)

Additionally, the Road.cc site does reviews on this year's hot items:

<http://road.cc/content/buyers-guide/232218-2017-christmas-gifts-cyclists-%E2%80%93-people-who-ride-fast>

and the "Not On High Street" site has even more ideas from unique bike-themed T-shirts, witty seat covers and personalized cycling gifts for their home.that you can order online:

[https://www.notonthehighstreet.com/themes/gifts-for-cyclists?gclid=EAIAIQobChMIzuONG-3h1wIVEarsCh11IgibEAAYAAEgK7KfD\\_BwE](https://www.notonthehighstreet.com/themes/gifts-for-cyclists?gclid=EAIAIQobChMIzuONG-3h1wIVEarsCh11IgibEAAYAAEgK7KfD_BwE)

