



Ellie Arguimbau, Kathy McPeak, and John Wilson greet the cyclists at the registration table where about 50 participants picked up their new Ride the Wall shirts.

Duane's Perspective

Here is a review of the 2017 Ride the Wall event from a First Aid/Medical perspective. The support team includes experienced EMTs, nurses, and therapists. John Wilson, a veteran of many "Wall" rides and a longtime nurse, coordinated the aid staff. Prior to the event he examined the course conditions, organized staff assignments, and provided words of insight and encouragement to the riders.

Summer solstice arrived with near perfect conditions with blue skies and warm temperatures. A bike ride in the sunshine seemed a fitting way to kick off summer. Thirty-four riders went up and over "the Wall" (aka CCC Road or Wall Ridge Road) and looped back to the Snake Pit. Several other riders opted to forgo the climb and instead chose to enjoy the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes and double back to Enaville.

Steve Knox of Rose Lake QRU set up his unit at the Cataldo trailhead. Sean and Shea Curran along with Danielle Groth helped direct riders. John had his pick-up/1st aid station headquartered at the top of the trail, while Dave and Sarah Leeds were positioned further along with their hydration/1st aid station. Cory and Andrew Lewis and I provided the "sweep" following the last riders.

While the riders were starting their trek at Enaville, we rode over to Cataldo in Cory's Rhino UTV. We procured refreshments from the friendly folks at the Mission Inn and visited with Steve who had the Rose Lake QRU stationed nearby. He regaled us with interesting stories of local and faraway places. Golfing in the Philippines was never on my must do or bucket list. If it was, I would remove it after hearing Steve talk of golfing among venomous snakes.

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Members of one of the Servant Adventurers from Shoshone Mountain Retreat work on the Osburn house. Here they are covering the electrical conduit laid in a ditch from the house to the garage.



The youth have been stripping off the old siding, pulling out the nails and then stacking the wood for recycling after Verne sawed it up. This certainly has changed the appearance of the house and shows off the door donated by Shoshone Glass. John "Boy" stripped and finished it before Rick Gilbert reframed and installed it.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians: 58

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After the riders passed through Cataldo, we bid adieu to Steve and followed behind the bikers. Fortunately, no riders required medical attention. The bikers were all up to the task, but one bicycle chain was not and broke during the climb. After repairs were made, we shuttled the rider to the top hoping she could enjoy the ride down with her husband. The weak link proved to be just that and continued to fail. John then provided transport for bike and rider down to the Snake Pit so they could savor the delicious meal provided by Tom Richards and his staff.



John Wilson, top left, explains the riding conditions to the other medical volunteers. We really appreciate the help from all of them.



Bikers wave as they turn the corner at Cataldo leaving the paved trail and head toward the old Highway 10 bridge before turning right again onto the CCC Road.



John Wilson explains what these bikers can see if they stay on the paved trail and go toward Kellogg or toward Cataldo—just be back in time for the BBQ.



Bikers start to assemble prior to John's encouragement and directions on handling the very rocky part of the bike ride due to all the rain washing the soil off the road this year. There was even a spring fed stream running down part of it. All seemed happy with the event and felt a real sense of accomplishment at the end.



Some nice young fellows tried to help Mike & Verne, but they were unable to close up the awning after it had to be taped earlier when used for registration. Our thanks to Craig Griffith of Ace Hardware for his help with the new awnings we needed for the Pig Roast a few days later.



This lovely lady, Jessica Daugharty Sterner, won one of the raffle baskets at the Ride the Wall event. She especially likes the hat. 😊

Our hats off to those who made the raffle possible, Darnell Kriedeman, Kathy McPeak, and Tayna Ireland.

Work On The Osburn House



Jeff & Bonnie Miller note what Verne shows needs to be fixed at the Osburn house (John “Boy” Delaney will be buying it when finished). Jeff & Bonnie are the scouting crew for the many projects that the Idaho Servant Adventurers from the Shoshone Mountain Retreat will work on in the Valley this summer.



One of the youths works with the electrical conduit running in the ditch from the house to the garage.

Photo by John Boy



Verne teaches the youth how to remove the old siding and replace the rotten boards before new siding can be installed.

Other photos by Judy

Krista's Trailer



Using extra wide mirrors and a crew of helpers offering navigation, Jim Williams of Small Guy Salvage backs the trailer to Krista's yard. However, I didn't realize the need to check on the setback from the road which is 50 feet from the center of the road. It looked okay to leave it at 30 ft. Thus it has to be moved again. We are waiting until a skilled operator is available to use donated equipment.



Bonnie & Jeff Miller from Shoshone Mt. Retreat evaluate what their youth crews can do to make the second move easier.



Adventurers crew moved boulders and cleared the area for the trailer to be moved to the original location of the one that the bear sat on to eat cherries and ruined the roof causing it to leak which started the series of disasters for Krista. She completely dismantled the old trailer and had the frame hauled off.

A youth crew is scheduled to help block it when it is in place if it is moved before they leave the Valley.

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ReUse Store Operating Fund

John Delaney, Ardis Marmon, Kathy McPeak

The Pig Roast will be featured next month.

Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

- ❖ I'd like to join the "300 Club" and pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.
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Coming Events

July 11—Board and committee meetings, 6:30 PM,
Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg
Aug 4-6—Pinehurst Days

Greater Blessings Fund

Melody Darg, Debra Bornitz



Verne & John 'Boy' have picked up many donated thermo pane windows. Please come to the ReUse Store, 709 Main St., Smelterville, and buy them.



After "Old Blue" died on the freeway with the load of materials for the Servant Adventurers to use in Osburn, Ellie Arguimbau and Judy drove their vans to ferry the youth teams to work in the ReUse Store. They noticed it was much cooler inside. *Photos by Judy*



Eric Muhs poses with his mom, April, at Ride the Wall. His fuzzy helmet straps keep the wind out of his ears.

Photos by Judy



Dan Martinsen of Shoshone Co. Planning & Zoning gives the sad news that Krista Kirby's new home has to be moved again since it is too close to the road.



Someone smashed this window at 3AM. After checking around, the Kellogg Police, & Sheriff Deputy, & Verne left. However, when Verne arrived to open the store the next morning, he found the back door kicked in and the cash register gone (even though the drawer was left open). A trail of coins lead to the back fence where the register was dropped & pieces left. Our very sincere thanks go to the Thortons for donating the register from EJ's Pizza.



WISH LIST

Wanted:

- Volunteers to help with John Boy's house
- Volunteers to help at the ReUse Store
- Volunteers to serve on the Board
- Volunteers to chair PR, Fund Raising and Greater Blessings Committees

I simply cannot keep up with all the hats I am wearing. It is especially frustrating for me to not be able to cover all the responsibilities since I run out of time and **energy**. Someone(s) need to step in before we just wither away. Committing to helping with some facets of this organization really does relieve stress. This is our 25th year of working with low income housing. We are finishing our 20th home but there is still much to do. Call me at 682-3240 to volunteer. Judy

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