

Greetings BikeNetters!

We hope the New Year finds you all well, with much hope in your hearts and air in your bike tires! Before we get too far into 2017, here's a recap of BikeNet activities that took place in 2016:



In March, we had our Membership Drive + Bike Park Fundraiser = BIG Bike Bash, with BikeNet reaching over 400 members!

April was nice enough for the BikeNet Time Trial series to begin. We had such great weather that the Thursday evening series continued until the end of September.

As Spring turned to summer, we held the Laramie Bike Summit at the Alice Hardie Stevens Center with keynote speaker Charles Pelkey. With other great talks by Meg Thompson (downtown bike art), Abbie Lozano (commuting in Laramie), Heath Brown (bike packing), and a yoga session with Hot Power Yoga.

In May, 7220 Racing, our high school mountain bike team, hosted a Girls' Ride recruitment ride.

June was busy for BikeNet:

- The Laramie Mountain Bike Series started went through to August, seeing much success in their new location at the Happy Jack trail head.
- The Dad Dog race/ride on the 18th.
- Roger's Canyon Clean-up
- Youth Mountain Bike Clinics started and went through July
- BikeNet donated radios to be used at the Granite Girls and Stone Temple MTB camps



On July 4th, BikeNet ran its most successful Bike Valet service at Freedom Has a Birthday! We were located near the band shell, which provided us with better visibility to those looking for a place to leave their bikes and great entertainment for the volunteers.



7220 Racing started their practices August 2nd and they raced five NICA races as part of the Colorado League finishing up the season at State in Eagle, CO October 23rd.

Cyclocross began practice in September with a 4-race series in October. Thank you to Miguel & Bill who worked with the city and Rock on Wheels to put on the SE Wyo Cross Series!

Finally, in early December, BikeNet members participated in the Fat Bike Parade as part of the Laramie Christmas Parade.

Whew! What a year! We also raised funds toward our Free Helmet Program, which is still going strong to help encourage safe cycling in our community.

Work will continue into the coming year on the Bike Park. So far we have \$9,035.74 of our \$25,000 goal. Bram Role and Amy Fluet are writing for a \$5,000 match grant, thanks you two! Fund-raising aside, we are looking at a 10-acre piece of land near the new high school as a location. We are considering design elements and working with the Parks, Recreation and Trees department to keep things in motion.

We are also still working toward building trail on State Trust land near the golf course. Melanie Arnett is writing for an ACRB grant for about \$40,000 for this project, and Evan O'Toole has been starting to figure out legal situations signage and trail design.

BikeNet is also helping Wyoming Pathways with a project to maintain trails on Pole Mountain. They will be writing for a \$50,000 grant and BikeNet will donate \$1000 toward their efforts this coming year.

BikeNet also received a generous donation for additional trail maintenance tools!

As many of you know, Laramie has received a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community rating by the League of American Bicyclists. Members of the University of Wyoming worked with the City of Laramie and BikeNet to apply for a rating based on Education, Engineering, Encouragement, and Enforcement. We appreciate everyone's hard work to get this rating. [Here is an info graphic with more details regarding our rating.](#)

There have been so many wonderful things happening in our cycling community lately I am sure that we have forgotten a few things here. Nothing was intentionally left out.

Thanks for being a member in 2016! It was a great year for our cycling community, thanks to your volunteering, monetary donations and general support! We have plenty of exciting events planned and look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

All the best in the New Year,

The LaramieBikeNet Board:

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