

BILL MCGLYNN

For this Idaho life member, the bicycle helps keep things in perspective

by Dan Schwartzman

After three years of planning, Bill McGlynn set out on his first bicycle tour in June 2001, a three-day trip from McCall, Idaho, to Missoula, Montana, along the Lochsa River. Accompanied by his wife, Julie England, the residents of Boise, Idaho, hit the pavement along Highway 12 en route to a very long first day that ended with the ascent of White Bird Hill. The good news: no one was on the old highway; the bad news: the hill that rises to an elevation of 4,245 feet came at the end of cycling more than 100 miles on their first day.



“We collapsed at one point.” McGlynn said. “My wife said, while laying flat on her back on the pavement, ‘You don’t think there are any rattlesnakes here, do you?’ I answered, ‘no,’ then we got back on our bikes and rode around the corner, only to see a rattlesnake slithering across the road.”

On the second day of the trip, McGlynn met a young

man from Denver riding to Portland on a mountain bike and pulling a BOB trailer. Days earlier — and out of money and food — the man had stopped at Adventure Cycling headquarters in Missoula. The Coloradan said the staff at the organizations headquarters helped him to find a place to stay and to earn some money.

“That’s how we became life members,” said McGlynn who first joined with an annual membership in 2001, before upgrading to a life membership the next year.

Prior to touring on a bicycle, McGlynn traveled predominantly for work, an experience that left him desiring more from his time away from home.

“I really craved the other side life,” the 58-year-old said. “The part where life slows down enough to become reflective

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Following is a list of cyclists who have made the commitment of Life Membership to Adventure Cycling over the past 6 months. Funds from Life Membership are put into a special account to provide long-term support to the organization. In the past, these funds have helped us purchase our headquarters building, saving us thousands of dollars in interest payments. We then put the savings toward route creation and reaching out to current and future cyclists.

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org/membership or give Membership Director Julie Huck a call at (800-755-2453 x 214).

Thanks to these new life members who signed up July 2010 thorough mid-March.

- Joseph Abrahams, Boaz, AL
- James & Holly Bogin, Larkspur, CA
- Frank E. Briscoe, Nevada, MO
- John C. Britting, Darby, MT
- J •im Brown, Calera, AL
- Kevin Brunk, St. Joseph, MO
- Donna Buchholz, Incline Village, NV
- Jeff Budd, Sitka, AK
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- Anne Cowan, Bristol, TN
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