



Charlie Pace

LIFE MEMBER, BOARD MEMBER, AND TOSRV TOUR DIRECTOR DIES AT 90

→ It is with great sadness that Adventure Cycling says goodbye to its first Life Member, Charlie Pace. Charlie was 90 years old when he died in Columbus, Ohio, where he was born and lived most of his life. In addition to being our longest standing among what is now 3,500 other Life Members, he also served on the Adventure Cycling board of directors for 25 years (1987–2007). He not only participated in various Adventure Cycling event tours, he also made significant donations to the organization over the years. In fact, it was his funds that allowed us to remodel our office basement, forever known now as the *Pacement*. He worked at a bank for most of his life, and is best known for running the Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV) for 40 years as volunteer tour director.

What really makes a person memorable, though, isn't their finances or their statistics. Everybody liked him and he liked everybody. When he came to Missoula for board meetings, Charlie would make a tour of the office to greet everyone individually. That was one reason that TOSRV was so successful —



GREG SIPLÉ (3)


he recruited hundreds of the volunteers necessary to make it all work. People just liked working with him. According to Adventure Cycling cofounder Greg Siple, Charlie Pace never expected any payment for his TOSRV work and felt people were more inclined to work under a volunteer than for a paid director.

“I met Charlie back in 1965 when I joined the Columbus Council of American Youth Hostels, which was a very active outing club,” said Greg. “It is also where I met my wife-to-be, June, and Dan and Lys — the four of us later founded Bikecentennial, as Adventure Cycling was known then.” Charlie was about 15 years older than the rest of the group, who were in their late teens and early 20s, but he fit right in with his youthful spirit and easygoing nature.


Charlie loved being outdoors and was primarily a canoeist and kayaker, but he was drawn into cycling as time went by. No matter what activity they got into, from canoeing to caving to cycling, it was always more fun with Charlie around.

“When we four founders launched Bikecentennial in 1973,” said Greg, “Charlie was on board right from the start as one of our strongest supporters.” It's nice to have people cheering you on who believe in what you're trying to accomplish. More than that, Charlie Pace was a friend to the organization and to staff members, and he was a heck of a guy. He lived his 90 years with enthusiasm, kindness, and infectious joy. He is greatly missed by everyone at Adventure Cycling, and undoubtedly by anyone else who has met him.


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LEAD DESIGNER ALLY MABRY TAKES OVER OPEN ROAD GALLERY PORTRAITS



Maxton's portrait taken by Greg Siple on his way through Missoula as he rode the TransAm in 2015; Ally's portrait taken by Maxton in 2019.

➔ When Adventure Cycling cofounder and longtime Open Road Gallery photographer Greg Siple retired in 2017, he passed the, ahem, lens to Maxton Caplanides, himself an Open Road subject.

"I was incredibly honored when Greg allowed me to take on his project," said Maxton. "I think the portrait process is a cornerstone to the experience that so many bike travelers have when they visit our headquarters. The collection is an absolutely priceless documentation of our organization's history and the people we serve."

Now that Maxton has moved to a fully remote position with Adventure Cycling's

Development department, magazine Lead Designer Ally Mabry will take on the role of shooting the famous black-and-white portraits of visiting cyclists.

"Ever since I joined the Adventure Cycling staff, I've envied the unending transformative interactions Maxton has had with the bicycle travelers who come through our doors," said Ally. "I'm thrilled to begin having my own."

So now when you flip to the back of the magazine (yes, we know many of you read each issue back to front), don't be surprised when you see Ally's name next to Open Road writer Gage Poore's.

SAFER ROUTES FOR HAPPY CYCLISTS



➔ In response to reports of unsafe road conditions in South Carolina and Georgia, Adventure Cycling's Routes department has significantly changed the Atlantic Coast sections 5 and 6 routing for the

2021 map update. This feedback highlighted narrow travel lanes, limited shoulders, truck traffic, and terrible rumble stripping as the main culprits. Southbound, the revised routing affects the stretch from Little River, South Carolina, to Yulee, Florida. Okatie, South Carolina, is the new endpoint between the sections. Primarily based on roads ridden by Adventure Cycling's guided tours for several years, the new route stays closer to the coast and uses multiple bike paths. The spurs to Charleston and Savannah have been eliminated, and instead the routing now goes through both historic cities. The Okefenokee Alternate has been retired, but the access to Jacksonville Airport has been preserved. On Section 5, the new route halves the total distance along roads deemed higher caution and adds almost 40 miles of bike paths. The changes also bring the route into closer alignment with USBR 1 in Georgia.

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