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**HELP US PICK THE TOP 10 OF 2019;
YOU COULD WIN A GIFT CARD TO SPORTS BASEMENT!**



We have selected several of our favorite events, milestones, and accomplishments from 2019. Help us narrow the list down to the Top 10 of 2019 for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Sports Basement! [Vote Now >>](#)

**MARIN VOICE: SETTING THE RECORD
STRAIGHT ON THE RICHMOND-SAN
RAFAEL BRIDGE**

The R-SR Bridge pathway opened recently to much fanfare, but it has become impossible to ignore questions posed in the



Marin IJ about the pathway's utility, especially with so much key information missing from the conversation. Our Policy & Planning Director explains why bikes belong and dispels arguments that a third westbound vehicle lane would relieve congestion. [Read More >>](#)



TAKE ACTION: FUNDING FOR CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

The League of American Bicyclists is lobbying congress to improve and expand the Transportation Alternatives program. This program represents nearly 50% of all federal funding for bicycling and walking infrastructure nationwide. Encourage your representatives to support HR 5231. [Learn more >>](#) [Contact your representative >>](#)



WE HAVE A LUCKY RONDO WINNER!

Congratulations to Mark Harmon, who won our Rondo Ruut CF1 giveaway! He'll be heading down to Mike's Bikes soon to pick-up his new gravel bike. Thanks to everyone who purchased entries in support of MCBC's Trail Stewards Program! Your contributions will help us organize and train a volunteer corps to build and maintain the trails we love to ride.

A FAREWELL TO FRANK BERTO

The cycling community lost a legend with the passing of Frank Berto. Frank will be remembered for his dedication to cycling and as the mechanical engineer who used his inquisitive mind to research, write, and explain shifting, gearing, and derailleurs to the cycling world. [Read more >>](#)

Please support those who support MCBC!



GIFT IDEAS FOR YOUR #1 CYCLIST



Bells, Bags, Bikes, or Bling - Are you looking for a holiday gift for yourself or the cyclist in your life that already has everything bike related? Here are a few things we have come across that we think are pretty awesome. [Read more >>](#)
And remember - [support the folks](#) that support MCBC. Shop your local bike store.



IT IS SHOPPING SEASON - MCBC KITS ARE A PERFECT GIFT

Would you rather go riding or holiday shopping? Let us help - order a kit from the [MCBC webstore](#) and then jump on your bike and go. Our members receive 10% off in our webstore; email steve@marinbike.org for the discount code!
Jerseys are also available at Mike's Bikes, and Sunshine Bicycle Center.



NOT AN MCBC MEMBER? BECOME ONE TODAY!

Your membership makes our work possible. We speak with a larger voice when we are strong in numbers. By becoming a member of MCBC it strengthens our advocacy, outreach, and influence when working for improved access, infrastructure, and education. [Join MCBC >>](#)

EVENTS



SAVE THE DATES FOR MCBC EVENTS!

We are so excited about these events that we already have them on our calendar. You should too! We also have a few new programs and events in the works for 2020. Look for details in upcoming MCBC Bulletins. [MCBC Calendar >>](#)

[OFFICIALLY SERIOUS BICYCLE RIDE](#) | Sat, 1/12, 7 AM-7 PM | Above Category, Sausalito

Looking for bike-related events? Got an event to promote? Head to our [Event Calendar!](#)

WHAT WE ARE READING

Forget electric cars — e-bikes will be the top selling EV in the next decade ([The Verge](#))

"130 million e-bikes are expected to be sold globally between 2020 and 2023"

Marin groups challenge rule allowing e-bikes on national park trails ([Marin Independent Journal](#))

"The lawsuit filed late Thursday in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia by the Marin Conservation League, the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin, the Point Reyes Station-based Save Our Seashore and five other plaintiffs alleges the rule change earlier this year violated the National Park Service's own rule-making process and circumvented environmental review."

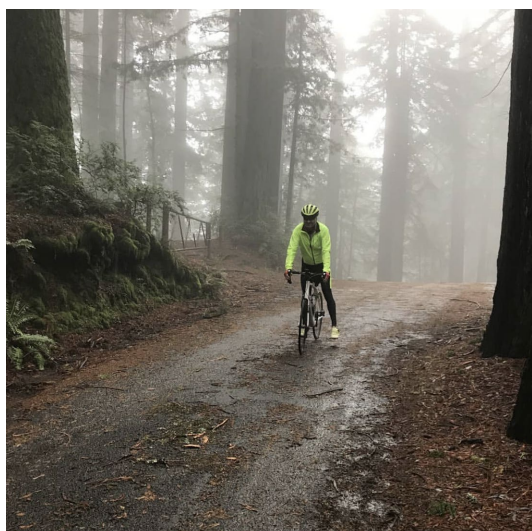
CA forms Statewide MTB Org ([Singletracks](#))

"A press release published on Bicycle Retailer and Industry News states that California now has a statewide mountain bike organization, the California Mountain Biking Coalition."

Podcast: How gravel and MTB bring women into cycling ([VeloNews](#))

"Contributor Betsy Welch, who covered the Dirty Kanza, Epic Rides and other off-road events this year. Welch discusses why these events are helping bring women into cycling."

#EXPERIENC MCBC PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to **Tuomas K.** (@tommek2) for posting the #ExperienceMCBC photo of the month, taken during a brief break in the rain last week. Check out our [album](#) of #experiencemcbc photos!

Each month, we'll highlight our favorite photo showcasing Marin's celebrated roads, trails, and cycling community. Submit using #ExperienceMCBC on Instagram.



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