

GEAR'D UP!



#BikeMatch

Cecelia dropped by SABA HQ yesterday and scooped up 5 kids bikes and a bike for herself through our BikeMatch program.

She works with Sac City Schools' Fourth R program, which introduces kids to a variety of recreational activities, like biking. Cecelia is helping to create future cyclists and we're proud to have played a small role of support for her. Thanks go to Michael W. for the donation of three of the bikes now in Cecelia's care.



Often matching bikes to people takes time and patience. Having the right style or size can be a challenge, but with a bit of perseverance we were able to help out Ryan and Mia. Ryan's future Raleigh needed a bit of work (it had a few broken spokes!), and he hung in there while waiting for the parts to come in to fix the wheel. Mia wanted a mountain bike which we didn't have, so we asked her to come "shopping" to choose a bike that might suit her. She also left with a Raleigh adorned with a sweet basket.

Since we launched BikeMatch in May, we've successfully matched over 50 people with bikes. Bikes have come to us via members and friends, and once in-house, our team of volunteers have spiffed them up with some basic wrenching to make sure each bike is road-worthy. Then, phone calls, emails and outreach to actively match bikes to those in need occurs. When it's all said and done, we have happy matches and happy volunteers.

Have a bike? Need a bike? That's ***Bike Match***. But it's so much more. Heartfelt Thank You's go out to the following folks for donating a bike or three to Bike Match:

- Jon B.
- Angela N.
- Michael W.
- Nathan F.
- Deb B.
- Arlete H.
- Jennifer G.
- Tracy J.
- Levendis M.
- Heather B.
- Joe P.
- Chelle A.
- Lee M.
- Alicia T.
- Kathleen S.
- Michelle S.

The ***Sac Bike Kitchen*** has been an instrumental partner in this program. Thank you to everyone at the SBK and especially to **Rob Christiansen** who has made this partnership as easy as a well oiled chain!

Kudos also go to ***UC Davis' Bicycle Program in Transportation Services*** They have opened up their bike coffers and given us bikes. We appreciate you!



Likewise, we'd like to thank the folks at ***Kaiser Permanente***, who got us into this "business" by donating a group of bikes to us last year.

Finally, a BIG shout-out to **Julie Kanoff and Bill Leddy**, our BikeMatch "yentas", who enthusiastically make this whole show work. Thanks for all of your continued efforts to get bikes to people who really need them right now. You're both inspiring!

Our Membership drive needs You!

While Bike Match is entirely run by volunteers, it isn't a free program.

Time + cleaning/prepping/light wrenching/matching
= Resources.

Becoming a sustaining member of SABA brings funds into our organization that helps us fund the hidden costs of programs like BikeMatch. Our annual membership drive is in progress now, and we hope that you'll become a ***sustaining member of SABA***.



For as little as \$7.50 a month, you could help us make Sacramento the best city for cycling in the country by supporting programs like Bike Match. We have some great drawing prizes each week of the drive too. Each new member joining SABA or current members upping their donation level will be entered into a weekly drawing for some great swag, including a commuter backpack, some great eats at local restaurants, lights, locks and this awesome Univega bicycle!

Happenings around Town

Looking for things to do this weekend? The weather is gonna be great, and air quality is finally dropping to green! Join the ***Tour d'Architecture!*** Take this self-guided tour with friends showcasing the latest in design and building in Sacramento. Or, go mural hunting with ***Wide Open Walls***. The 2020 murals are up around town. Create your own map, grab some friends and find Elvis or Lucy and Desi to name just a few of the celebrities hanging around town. Also ***Bike Valet*** will be available at the Midtown Farmer's Market. Come to the market and safely leave your bike parked with us!

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Like what we're doing? Become a SABA ***monthly donor***. Whether you commute by bike or just ride for the fun of it, your gift will support our efforts to make the Sacramento region a safer place for ***everyone*** to ride!

Stay up to date on everything we're doing on ***our website***.

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