

# New Year, New Season, New Exciting Wheeler News



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Two- seated Chat Rickshaw bicycle

The Sequim Wheelers received the largest single donation of \$10,000 from an individual. In March; the Board voted unanimously to use the donation for the purchase of a new Chat Rickshaw bike. This bike is manufactured by Van Raam in the Netherlands and is set to be delivered mid-July!

In mid-July, 4 new bikes will be added to our fleet the Chat Rickshaw and 2 Opairs



VeloPlus Wheelchair bike to come soon!

Off-season was productive!
We applied for and received a \$20,000 grant, ordered FOUR new bicycles, and acquired new storage space!

Next, our hostess, Nancy Hutt, offered to vacate the east side of the **milk shed** so we could have the WHOLE building! The Board and the Maintenance crew helped move her stuff out of the shed and into the barn. Since then, Grant Rollins, with Jeff & Jean Gurnee, cleaned it out and installed new lights and electrical outlets. Grant is now working on making a double door, so that we will have a wide enough opening to roll bikes through! The East room is 12' x 20', so we can store 2 or 3 bikes, and still have room to work on them out of the rain. Grant and Jeff also installed power and lights in Nancy's barn to help her out.



2 Opair bicycles





The Milk Shed

## Sequim Wheelers kick off the 2025 Season with welcoming back returning & new

#### Join us for our 8th Season!

We're hosting an <u>Open House</u> at the Dungeness River Nature Center parking lot.

Saturday, April 19th 11:00am to 2:00pm

Come see our adaptive bike fleet, meet our volunteers, and learn about our program.

#### <u>Training preparations are underway</u> <u>for the 2025 season</u>

- Returning volunteers will need to complete a
   2.5 hour refresher training session.
- New volunteers will have three 2.5 training sessions.
- Look for Sign Up Genius notification to set up your required training.
- Questions?
- Contact Sue Heffernan 206-321-8642 or msheffernan54@aol.com

### Two new fundraising ideas for the 2025 season:

volunteers!!

1) All seven of the residential facilities that we serve on our regular schedule have donated \$300 each for our new front cling decal. These decals will be like a subscription that will be replaced each year with a new picture and another donation ...

The decals are available to individuals and other businesses also that want to show their support ... contact John.sequimwheelers@gmail.com

2) Group outing to Olympic Bluffs Cidery and Lavender Farm for a cider tasting ... For a donation of \$50 per person to the Sequim Wheelers, participants would get a guided tour with an interesting explanation of the cidery operations plus a sampling of the ciders available (approximately 6 different tasting ciders) ... Please let Arnold ridessequim@gmail.com know if you are interested in helping to plan this fun and worthwhile event.



#### **Orientation Meeting**

Thursday, April 24th at 4:00 PM

At KSQM Community Meeting rm.

(609 W. WA. Street in the Sequim Village Shopping Center).

We hope to see you there!



## <u>Multiple</u> <u>volunteer opportunities:</u>

If you have experience and/or interest in any of these follow the steps on website

https://sequimwheelers.com/volunteers

OR email
volunteers@sequimwheelers.com

#### **The Irrigation Festival Parade - May 10th, 2025:**

We have 5 seats available for this years' parade: TriShaw, FTG, Duet and Opair.

- We asked for space for 10 Safeties
- The idea being to make a showing
- 5 of our adaptive bikes with wheelers and 10 safeties
- Everyone wearing Wheeler kit and
- Led by two of us carrying the banner!

#### Let people know who we are!

Go to Signup Genius and SIGN ON....

THE sooner THE better!

It's going to be a fun ride....

Sequim Irrigation Festival May 2 – 10, 2025

https://irrigationfestival.com/site/



#### **Sequim Gazette**

Watch for the April 16<sup>th</sup> edition, a write up to help the Sequim Wheelers with their new volunteer recruitment efforts.

https://www.sequimgazette.com/

