Barton Haynes Announces Support Of The ?STP? Bicycle Classic Ride Seattle to Portland

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Cascade Bicycle Club is pleased to welcome back Group Health for their twelfth year as the title sponsor of the Group Health STP, Presented by Alaska Airlines. Group Health is a unique health care system linking care delivery and insurance coverage in order to achieve one goal - affordable, quality health care for all. Their innovative approach has made them a national leader in a new era of health care reform, and their goals have remained the same since they began serving patients in 1947. As a nonprofit organization, Group Health helps nearly 600,000 patients throughout Washington State achieve better health. Their focus on preventative care, combined with medical education, a charitable foundation and a nationally recognized research institute, advances health in the community in a way no one else can.

Group Health supports events, programs, and organizations that share this commitment to strengthening health in our communities. For more information visit: www.ghc.org and www.ghinnovates.org.

This 200+ mile bicycle ride is the largest multi-day bicycle event in the Northwest, with up to 10,000 participants riding from Seattle to Portland in one or two days. The route takes you through the scenic valleys, forests, and farmlands of western Washington and Oregon.

?Bicycling Magazine has listed as one of the best cycling events in the nation!

?10,000 registered riders from 7 countries and 45 states

?Eldest rider: 89

? 8212 Washington riders (2433 from Seattle)

?1242 Oregon riders (573 from Portland)

?The STP Bicycle Classic has long been an outstanding opportunity to celebrate the cycling community in the

Pacific Northwest as well as providing one of the most scenic rides that I have had the opportunity to

participate in. While having enjoyed this annual cycling event many times over the course of two days, I have

found the one day ride double century ride to be a classic opportunity to test one?s own fitness level as well

as enjoying a collective cycling comradery that is rare in such a large organized event.?

- Barton Haynes (July 11, 2015)

Interesting Notes:

Cascade Bicycle Club produces the largest and most recognized bicycling events in the Pacific Northwest.

Cascade Bicycle Club was formed by brothers Mike and Rick Quam in 1970. In 1979, the Club established

the Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic. In 1991, the Seattle to Portland ride had a record 10,000 participants.

The club started producing the Flying Wheels Summer Century in 1993 and took over the Kitsap Color

Classic in October 1994. By February 1995, the Bike Expo had its highest attendance at 12,871. With more

than 15,000 members Cascade Bicycle Club is the hub for bicycle community in the Puget Sound region.

All people should be able to bike wherever they want to go, no matter their age or ability, so they can improve

their health, save a little money, and share the joy of bicycling. The Cascade Bicycle Club Education

Foundation is your way to make a tax-deductible donation to support Cascade's charitable work. (EIN:

91-2165219). Your gift to the Cascade Bicycle Club Education Foundation helps pay for Cascade's Advocacy

and Education programs, things like:

-Legal fees to protect the Burke-Gilman

-Trail Advocating for bicycle-friendly policies at the local and regional levels

-Bike safety classes for more than 20,000 kids annually

-Bicycling leadership programs serving underserved youth, such as Major Taylor Project

-Free helmets to kids and adults in need

-Transportation planning consultation in cities across the region

Learn more at: http://www.cascade.org/

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