

From **Dave McCoy**, attempting to build a solar-powered off-road vehicle: "Last Thursday we made another big step with the **electric UTV** when the solar panel was installed onto the roof. It's not going to run the machine by itself, but it will be able to provide a bit of electricity when we need it. "Now we are adding bigger motors and finishing the fabrication." He's updating on **Facebook**, by the way. ...

Congratulations to **Mammoth Unbound** team riders **Kimmy Fasani** and **Chris Benchetler** who got married in Mammoth last Saturday. ...

After last weekend's **spritz of snow**, irrepressible backcountry skier **John Dittli** on Sunday Facebooked: "Wax 'em up!" ...

Great article about distance runner **Amy Hastings** of the **Mammoth Track Club** in the September issue of **Running Times** magazine and on its website. "When I was in college (**Arizona State**)," says she, my whole goal was to train with **Deena Kastor**," Hastings says of her one-time idol and current teammate. "I had been reading about her for years."

Mammoth's **Town Council** called off its Sept. 21 meeting. Nothing weighty on the agenda, and **Mayor Jo Bacon** will be out of town. ...

The **Mammoth town offices** are such a heap of clutter that **the staff** closed down the offices Wednesday so they could shred, throw away, refile, clean and generally make a start on putting things in order. ...

Mammoth Brewing volunteer **Travis Mann**, who was seriously injured in a car crash in Wyoming last Saturday (see P.1), was featured in a New York Times photo last February.

What's Up, Up Here?



This hearty soul pedaled the short route by using his arms, back, and other muscles on the Fall Century Ride on Sept. 10. Photo/Jesse Barlet

It was part of the paper's "**36 Hours in Mammoth**" feature. ...

Tom Cage, kind of the **Punxatawney Phil** of weather prognosticators, stands by **Oct. 10** as the day we get our first **significant snow**. No one knows Tom's secret as to how he comes up with these things. ...

We don't usually get a lot of **big-**

city traffic back-ups around here, which was why it so weird to have **30-minute delays** on S.R. 203 going up to the ski hill on Wednesday morning. **Caltrans'** grinding and re-paving was the culprit, closing one lane. Things got bad enough that Caltrans asked for help from the **MLPD**. ...

Tomorrow, the **Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation (MLTPA)** and **Friends of the Inyo** will break ground on a soft-surface connector from the **Panorama Dome Mountain Bike Trail** to the new **Lakes Basin Path** and they need your help on the trail crew! Tools, food/refreshment, safety gear and guidance will be provided. Please RSVP to drewblankenbaker@mltpa.org to assist. ...

In spite of **rain, thunder, lightning** and the **Wrath of God**, 144 players raised \$35,000 in support of higher education and cultural enrichment at the 12th Annual **Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic** last Sunday at Sierra Star. Low score: **Guy Bien, Ian Birrell, Craig Copeland, and Christian Newman**, representing **80/50**. Raffle winner of a snazzy iPad2 was **Charlie Comfort**. ...

Happy Birthday, **Gaye Mueller!** ...

The great family of alpinists lost a father Wednesday. Italian **Walter Bonatti** 81, was an alpinist who, perhaps more than anyone else, marked and guided the last 60 years of **world alpinism**. ...

From the ever-literate **Dave Leonard** at the Booky Joint: **To Kill a Mockingbird** has just been voted **England's best-loved book** in a Guardian newspaper survey. Rounding out the top 10 were **Pride and Prejudice, The Book Thief, Jane Eyre, The Time Traveler's Wife, The Lord of the Rings, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Wuthering Heights, Rebecca and The Kite Runner**. "I wonder what a Booky Joint customer Top Ten would look like," Dave asked.

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