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MS Cycle Challenge

Bicyclists participate in the first MS
Cycle Challenge to Raise Money to
Fight Multiple Sclerosis



Photo by Tony Quiroz

Anti-Bicycle Protest Fizzles

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After hearing vehement accusations of illegality from Pasadena's small but vocal anti-bicycling faction at the Pasadena City Council meeting, Monday, November 3rd, Pasadena Mayor Chris Holden stated that the MS Cycle Challenge's permit for a fund-raising bike ride was "legal and appropriate." Councilman Bill Crowfoot was booed by the largely anti-bicycle audience when he defended the need for and value of safe bike paths. Bicycle opponents tried to whip up support for a protest during the fund-raising ride, but none was to be seen at the event.

The MS Challenge fund-raising ride began with an early morning registration at Oak Grove Park. There were four events, including beginner and advanced routes for both road and mountain bike enthusiasts. Riders wound around the streets of the surrounding area as well as up the scenic Arroyo Seco trails of Angeles National Forest.

The beginner road course consisted of a ten mile loop to Descanso Garden; the twenty-five mile advanced road ride lead throughout Pasadena and La Cañada. Advanced mountain bikers, guided by members of the Pasadena Mountain Bike Club, rode fifteen miles up El Prieto trail to Millard Campground. The weather was beautiful and a good time was had by all.

More than 200 people came out for the cycling event; approximately twenty students from Glendale Adventist Academy provided assistance with registration and rest-stop services.

Money raised by this event goes to assist the Southern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in their support of MS Research and programs for people who have MS. We hope to see this first-time event return next year.

For more information call 1-800-FIGHT MS