



BLACKSTONE VALLEY

NEMBA

2025 WINTER MEETING



INTRODUCTIONS



BLACKSTONE VALLEY NEMBA FALL '24 CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

CraftRoots Brewing, Milford, MA | November 18th, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER:

Time: 6:31 PM

Meeting called to order by Kevin Sylvia. Kevin introduced himself and asked for new member introductions.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED:

- Leo Corrigan (Lincoln, RI)

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SCAN TO VIEW PRIOR MEETING MINUTES



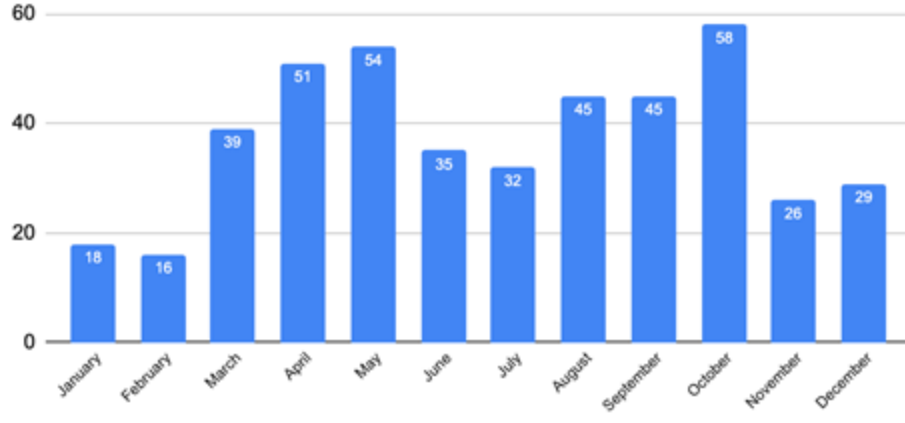
CHAPTER DONATION STRATEGY

- **Purpose:** Support land managers, trail groups, and community initiatives that align with BVNEMBA's mission.
- **Funding Allocation:**
 - **70–80%** → Local Land Managers & Trail Associations (*e.g., Grafton Land Trust, SVT, SFTA*)
 - **20–30%** → Local Community Organizations (*e.g., Worcester Earn-A-Bike, NE Youth Cycling*)
- **Annual Donation Process:**
 - ✓ **Sept:** Solicit member nominations
 - ✓ **Oct:** Review & propose recipients
 - ✓ **Nov:** Chapter vote & fund allocation
 - ✓ **Dec:** Distribute funds & announce
- **Financial Commitment: Up to 10% of annual income** for donations
 - **\$200 cap per organization** to ensure broad support
 - **5% of remaining funds** set aside for local disaster relief
 - **Max \$200 per request** without chapter approval

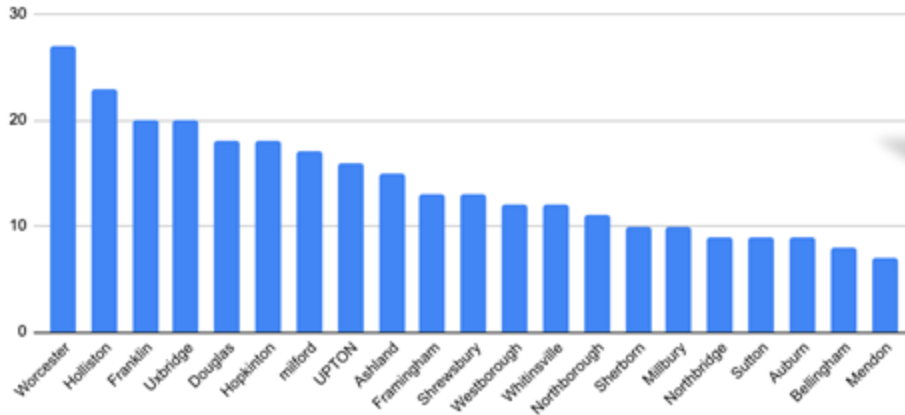


TREASURER'S REPORT

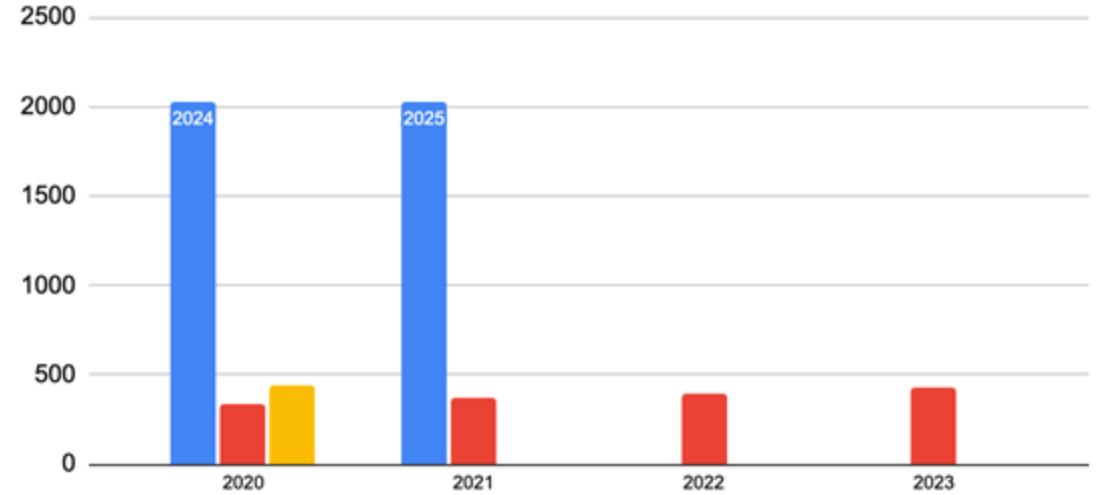
Membership Renewal Month



Top 20 Membership Towns



Active Members



TREASURER'S REPORT || Financials 2020 - Present

	2025	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2022	2022	2021	2021	2020
INCOME		ACTUAL	APPROVED	PROJECTION/ WORKSHEET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
CHAPTER REBATES AND DIRECT TRANSFER REBATES	\$14,000.00	\$11,120.66	\$12,956.43	\$12,956.43	\$14,753.89			\$22,181.64		\$13,293.49	\$8,412.52
DONATIONS	\$2,500.00	\$3,775.76	\$2,403.44	\$2,403.44	\$275.00			\$4,652.92		\$2,968.27	\$3,021.00
CREDIT CARD DEPOSITS		\$0.00									
EVENTS AND RAFFLES INCOME	\$8,000.00	\$11,041.96	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$9,591.22						
EXISTING FUNDS	\$26,675.00		\$21,540.13	\$7,940.13				\$9,995.32	\$8,800.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$51,175.00	\$25,938.38	\$44,400.00	\$30,800.00	\$24,620.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$36,829.88	\$8,800.00	\$16,261.76	\$11,433.52

TREASURER'S REPORT || INCOME

Start of Year Current Balance 2025
\$29,281.66

	2025	2024	2024
Income		ACTUAL	Approved
Chapter Rebates and Direct Transfer Rebates	\$14,000.00	\$11,120.66	\$12,956.43
Donations	\$2,500.00	\$3,775.76	\$2,403.44
Credit Card Deposits		\$0.00	
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TREASURER'S REPORT || EXPENSES

	2025	2024	2024
Expenses		ACTUAL	Approved
Admin	\$400.00	\$137.31	\$400.00
Cross-Chapter Donations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Donations/Memberships/Sponsorships	\$2,450.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
Education	\$4,850.00	\$3,173.59	\$4,700.00
Equipment/Tools	\$5,000.00	\$2,216.61	\$5,000.00
Event Food	\$3,975.00	\$2,639.60	\$6,000.00
Events Expenditures	\$4,100.00	\$3,588.31	\$4,500.00
Marketing	\$900.00	\$677.50	\$800.00
Restricted Purpose Expenditures	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Long Term Projects (Holliston, Northboro, Millbury, Vietnam)	\$16,500.00	\$1,956.88	\$8,000.00
Trail Work/Build Supplies	\$11,000.00	\$6,104.55	\$8,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$51,175.00	\$21,994.35	\$44,400.00



Donation Policy:	
Annual Revenue	\$ 24,500.00
% to Donate	10%
Donation Amount	\$ 2,450.00
Percent to Donate to Land Managers and Trail Associations	75%
Amount	\$ 1,837.50
Percent to Donate to Local Community Organizations Promoting Cycling and Recreation	25%
Amount	\$ 612.50

Long Term Projects	
WHD	\$1,500.00
Millbury	\$7,000.00
Holliston	\$4,000.00
Northboro	\$4,000.00
2025 BUDGET	\$16,500.00
Prior Year Budget	\$8,000.00

TREASURER'S REPORT || RECOMMENDED 2025 BUDGET

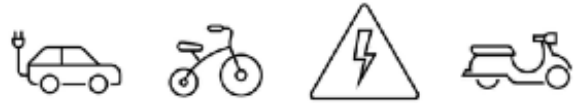
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A repeating watercolor pattern of a forest. The trees are depicted in various shades of blue, green, and yellow, suggesting different types of trees or seasons. Interspersed among the trees are several bicycles, some with baskets, rendered in a simple, sketchy style. The background is a light, textured grey.

GUEST: MINUTEMAN JUNIOR CYCLING CLUB

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Regional Electric Vehicle Expo



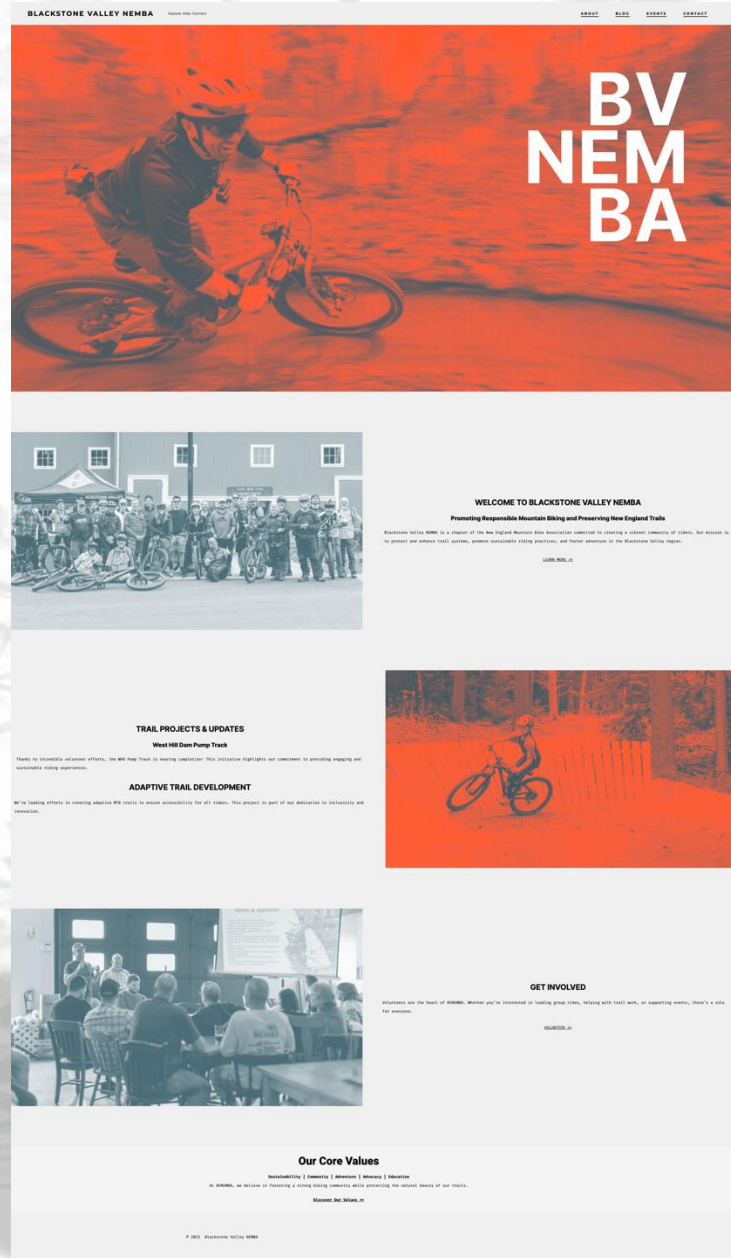
Sunday April 27, 1-4pm

Hopkinton High School

EVs • Plugin Hybrids • E-bikes

Sign up to show your plugin
hybrid/electric car, e-bike, or e-
scooter!





NEW!

- **WHAT?**
- CHAPTER WEBSITE
- **WHERE?**
- BLACKSTONEVALLEYNEMBA.ORG
- **WHY?**
- CURRENT REGIONAL WEBSITE WAS LACKING THE FORM AND FUNCTIONALITY. NEW BVNEMBA SITE IS CHAPTER SPECIFIC!
- **WHO?**
- INTERESTED IN WRITING FOR THE BLOG, OR POSTING EVENTS? EMAIL BLACKSTONEVALLEY@NEMBA.ORG

INTERMISSION

HELP US SELECT THE BLACKSTONE SUMMER PATCH!

TEXT DAN (508 989 0931) YOUR VOTE!



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STATE OF THE TRAILS

VIETNAM

- PROJECT OVERVIEW:
 - Ongoing Sunday Trail Work through Winter & Spring
 - Making progress on a number of new trails



STATE OF THE TRAILS || MILLBURY- RAYBRUN/BRIERLY

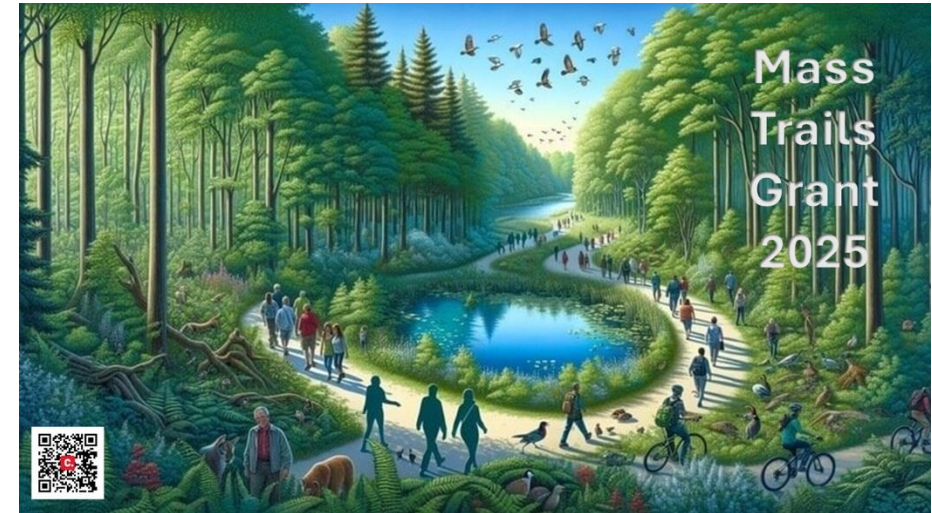
- **PROJECT OVERVIEW:**

- Create an adaptive and multiuse trail system, Pump track, & skills area.

- **TIMELINE:**

- December 4, 2024
 - Pump Track & Skills area approved by Millbury Con-Com
- Jan. 18, 2025
 - Held last of several trail days. A-mtb trail is 70% roughed in (over 2,500' long). Waiting for snow to melt to start again.

- Jan. 31,2025:
 - Mass Trails Grant submitted. Town supported our ask for \$78,000 to purchase equipment & materials. Goal is to completely build out Brierly and use through the rest of the town. NOFO happens in June.
- February 1,2025:
 - Buck Brothers property in Rayburn has been clear cut. Expect so see trail changes updates. Rest of Rayburn is ok per Scott Nelson.



- **NEXT STEP:**

- Finish rough in on A-mtb trail.
- Break ground on pump track in March/April.
- Work with Terry Down and others in Mid-summer to do finish work/drainage on A-mtb trail after the wet season.

HOLLISTON BIKE PARK

- PROJECT STATUS:

- ***Bike Park Proposal Approved for 260 Woodland St.!***
- Exploring Fundraising Options with NEMBA & Friends of Holliston Trails
- Meeting with Conservation Commission on 2/18 to review plans



Seeking Ride Leaders & Volunteers!

- **Join our Slack for Planning & Collaboration**
- **Proposed Rides (In Progress)**
- *Monday (Bi-Weekly): Rayburn, Brierly, Stowe Meadows – Kyle Grendell, Ryan Wallner*
- *Wednesday (Bi-Weekly): Mount Pisgah, Rattlesnake Hill – Brian Belfer, Florian Huber, Blake Carlson*
- *Wednesday (Bi-Weekly): Sherborn Town Forest – Kristin Brandt, Kyla Carvalho*
- *Wednesday (TBD): West Hill Dam – Tom*

Hudgins

- *Thursday (Weekly): Vietnam – Mike Carvalho, Kyla Carvalho, Kim Beagan*
- *Friday (Weekly, AM): Nobscot – Barry Kosherick, Justin Schroth*
- *Friday (TBD, PM): Callahan – Kim Beagan*
- *TBD (Weekly, PM): Wenakeening Woods – Jake Berry*
- *TBD (AM): Mendon Town Forest – Bill Dakai*
- *TBD: Douglas State Forest/Hodges Village – Bill Rossi, Bruce Rioux, Laura Petsching*
- *TBD: Women’s “Field Trip” Rides – Kristin Brandt (STBG Ride Series)*

FIRST AID COURSE (MARCH 29)

- **Date:** Saturday, March 29 @ 9AM
- **Location:** Upton Town Library
- **Duration:** 4 Hours (Includes CPR Certification)
- **20 Spots Available** – Free for BVNEMBA members (Full Reimbursement)
- **Priority:** Ride Leaders & Sweeps

How to Join the Interest List:

- Email blackstonevalley@nemba.org OR Join #2025-first-aid-course on Slack

safetrailsfirstaid *First Aid Courses
For Local Trail Users*



<http://www.safetrailsfirstaid.com/>

SPRING SOCIAL RIDE (APRIL 6th)

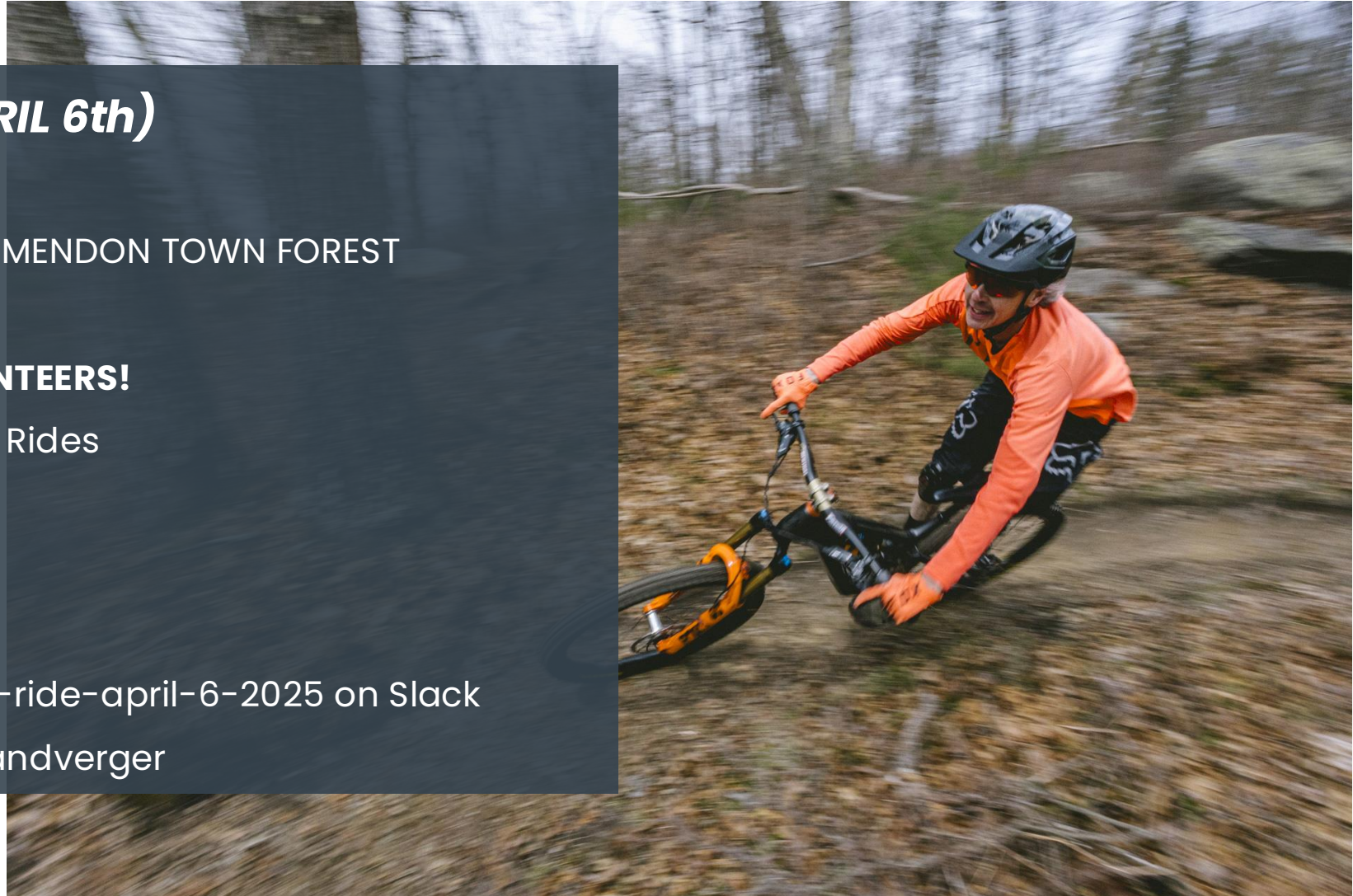
- **Date:** Sunday April 6th
- **Location:** SOUTHWICK ZOO / MENDON TOWN FOREST

WE NEED RIDE LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS!

- Help Lead & Organize Group Rides
- Assist with Event Logistics

GET INVOLVED

- Join [#2025ev-spring-social-ride-april-6-2025](#) on Slack
- Contact Bill Dakai or Josh Handverger





NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT