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## B . E . S . T . AUGUST NEWSLETTER

### The Bicycle Valet Summer Update

[The Bicycle Valet](#) had its first volunteer party of the season on July 24 at Cat's Social House on Granville Island. Not surprisingly the party lived up to its legendary reputation. One of the highlights was a rousing game of Jeopardy, Bicycle Valet style. We are glad so many of our wonderful volunteers were able to make it and hope to see you all at the two remaining parties of the season.

August will be another busy month for The Bicycle Valet. We will be in attendance at numerous events throughout the area: look for us at Bike to Bard, Celebration of Light, Powell Street Festival, Vancity Fresh Air Movie Tour, Kirtan Vancouver, Tour de Biennale, Chariot Festival of India, and Live at Squamish. We will continue to be at Trout Lake and Kitsilano Farmers Markets and of course at all of the home games of the Vancouver Whitecaps FC.

New Bicycle Valet events are being added all the time so keep an eye on our [events calendar](#).

We remind our patrons to fill out your check stub to be entered in our twice-monthly prize draw. Lucky winners receive very attractive Icebreaker Merino Wool apparel and an excellent book (*Carjacked* by Catherine Lutz; *Bus Tales: How to Change the World from 9 to 5* by Tom Tompkins and Michele Hall; *On Bicycles* ed. by Amy Walker; or *Bicycle Diaries* by David Byrne).

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*Bikes of all shapes and sizes were parked on Canada Day at Granville Island.*



*Jericho Sailing Club was a beautiful location for The Bicycle Valet at MEC Paddlefest on July 7.*

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*It's the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer so this month we are presenting some articles and bits & pieces of news that we find informative and interesting ...*

## **Bill McKibben's Reckoning**

Bill McKibben's article in the August 2 edition of *Rolling Stone*, "[Global Warming's Terrifying New Math](#)," is definitely worth reading. McKibben connects the dots to show that the business plans of the fossil fuel industry will ultimately wreck the planet -- that they have already got enough carbon in their reserves to drive the heat past anyone's definition of okay. The article also gives a sense of the direction the climate movement is headed.

McKibben considers this article to be the most important piece of writing he has done since *The End of Nature* was published in 1989.



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## Kristin Rule, Cycling Cellist

We're looking forward to following the adventures of [Kristin Rule, cycling cellist](#). Kristin, who hails from Melbourne Australia, began touring with her cello by motorcycle in 2007, and has since moved from a motorcycle to a bicycle. She carries her Cello and equipment from performance to performance on the back of a specially made Cargo Bicycle.

Kristin uses a laptop, software and midi pedals with her cello to build compositions layer by layer live during performance, is a feat that frequently has her audiences mesmerized. The result is a powerfully emotive and deeply moving experience.

Kristin plans on becoming a perpetual bicycle riding vagabond in early 2013. To follow her story, see her plans and ideas as they unfold, and watch her new rigs being conceptualized and constructed visit her [website](#).



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## Cycling the Andes

Dreaming of the [ultimate cycling trip](#)? Check out this great 100 day and 5100 km journey by bicycle through the heart of the Andes -- Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile.



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## U.K. Anti-Road Culture Commemorated

This month the [Dark Mountain Project](#) out of the U.K. presents a [blog post](#) from Douglas Strang about the protests which took place 20 years ago against the extension of the M3 over Twyford Down in Hampshire. Their action marked the beginning of a radical response to the U.K. government's road-building programme.

For Strang, the sustained protests at Twyford and at other sites such as Newbury, Pollok, and Solsbury Hill represent a high-water mark in the history of the U.K. environmental movement.

An upcoming sequence of talks, exhibitions and workshops curated by Strang will “focus not so much on the history or politics, but rather on the culture of the anti-roads movement and the creativity it unleashed: the protesters’ stories and songs and wild art, forged through an intense relationship to the sites they were protecting.”

It's all an interesting consideration of “anti-road culture” – well known in the U.K., less so here.

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## Word of the month: Multimodal

### adjective

Having or involving several modes, modalities, or maxima

(<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/multimodal>)

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