



# *SuperTour 2004*

## *Colorado's Rockies*

### **SuperTour 2004: 14 Days, 1300 Miles. August 15–28, 2004.**

The tour will start and end in Grand Junction, Co and take you on a scenic route through Durango, Silverton, Leadville, Winter Park, Estes Park, Poudre Canyon, Steamboat, Aspen and the Grand Mesa. This year's tour will include 14 passes and over 60,000 ft of climbing.

As you read this the route is being prepared and campsites are being contacted, in hopes of completing all preparations by the end of May. This year's Tour will again feature the proven formula of great food prepared by the legendary Sarah Auker, and logistical support and transportation provided by the indefatigable Byron Feldhake.

#### **What is SuperTour?**

SuperTour is a multi-day cycling adventure. The riding generally consists of back-to-back Centuries or near Centuries and each day often includes substantial climbing. Overnight accommodations are at campgrounds. SuperTour provides vehicles to carry luggage and camping gear, allowing riders to traverse each day's route carrying only the equipment required to complete an unsupported century. In addition SuperTour provides a light breakfast, drinks and snacks at the end of each day's ride, and dinner in camp. The first SuperTour was held in 1975 and organized by the now-defunct Diablo Wheelmen of Concord, CA. The ride was so popular it easily survived the collapse of its sponsoring organization and is now run each year by a volunteer from a previous trip. The organizer selects all route, campgrounds and schedule. The tour has traveled to many locales and regions, including Colorado, New Mexico, Washington State, Oregon, Wyoming, Montana, British Columbia and even France. SuperTour's most popular destination is California's Sierra Nevada, the site of nine previous tours.

#### **How Should I Prepare For SuperTour?**

You must be able to ride all day, everyday, alone if necessary. You must be self-reliant, as there is no support on the road. You should carry lots of water and bring money for food during the day. You must carry tools and possess the ability to make minor repairs to your bicycle. Mount a bag to carry warm-ups and gloves as we will spend most of our trip at altitude and mornings in the mountains are almost always cold. Carry rain gear in the mountains—torrential thunderstorms can develop any afternoon at high altitude. Have the means to carry a full day's supply of food and water with you—it may be many miles between water stops. Carry good maps and know how to read them. Mount low gears—the probability of steep long climbs somewhere along the route is high. Above all ride, climb, ride—SuperTour is a significant physical challenge that is much more enjoyable when you are fit and trained.

#### **How Much Does it Cost?**

**The fee for SuperTour 2004 is \$600.** Make checks payable to Cindy Gagnon, and mail with your completed application to 4170 Spy Glass Lane, Niwot, CO 80503. You may withdraw from SuperTour any time up to June 1, 2004 and receive a refund, less \$100 for processing costs. Refunds are not available after June 1.

Your check covers all camping fees, daily maps and route sheets, equipment haulage, camp breakfasts, post-ride snacks, and dinners. It does NOT include transportation to the start or from the finish of SuperTour 2004, food consumed during the riding day, or National Park Entrance fees. Transportation to and from Concord in the San Francisco Bay Area on the support vehicle (a retired Greyhound bus) is often available. Additional information on this transportation option will be provided after your entry is received.

#### **How Many Riders Can Participate?**

SuperTour is limited to 40 riders and is available on a first come, first served basis. The trip almost always fills up, so it pays to send in your entry as soon as possible.