Your West Sparta Chamber Membership Strategy

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Target Audiences

1. **HR and employee-wellness managers** at employers with 25–200 staff: potential hosts for predictable workplace service days.
2. **Apartment property managers** with secure bicycle storage: potential partners who can communicate scheduled service to residents.
3. **Independent hotel operators** with guest bicycles: potential buyers of a defined fleet-maintenance plan. Ask WSCC which members fit these descriptions; do not assume particular businesses belong.

Messaging Opportunities

1. **A targeted introduction:** Ask WSCC's Help Desk whether it can connect Morgan with relevant employers, property managers, or hotel operators—not send a mass promotion.
2. **A useful member feature:** Propose seasonal rider tips or a fleet-maintenance checklist for *The Business Pulse*, WSCC's blog, or its social channels, subject to editorial approval.
3. **A short educational session:** Offer Casey's 20-minute bicycle safety and basic-maintenance session as a possible workshop contribution, with the format and audience agreed upon with WSCC.

Strategic Areas for Prospecting

1. **Employer introductions, September–November 2026:** Give WSCC a precise host profile and ask for warm introductions. Attend the Workforce Roundtable Breakfast on **November 27, 2026** because employers and workforce partners are its stated audience. Follow up individually about a service-day pilot; the planned first employer pilot is **November 2026**, so do not depend on this late-month event to secure it.
2. **Hospitality and referral relationships:** Attend Business After Hours at Rowan House Inn on **November 13, 2026** for its referral-focused conversations and regional visitor-traffic theme. Seek introductions to independent hotel operators, without assuming the host or attendees are prospects.
3. **Apartment partnerships and disciplined follow-through, December 2026–August 2027:** Ask WSCC to identify appropriate property-manager contacts, then propose a scheduled resident service day with a clear booking process. Use the Spring Member Coffee Kickoff on **April 2, 2027** to reconnect with promising contacts and request specific introductions.

Operating rule: Keep chamber activity to four hours monthly: roughly one focused meeting or event, plus outreach and follow-up. Track qualified decision-maker conversations, introductions, bookings by referral source, service-day capacity, and margins. Aim for six qualified conversations, three recurring employer agreements, and two apartment referral partnerships within the year—while initially accepting no more than two workplace service days per month. Review demand and margins in **March 2027**; use the **April 2027** business anniversary to assess progress; consider a second van in **August 2027** only if recurring demand supports it.

Opportunities to Provide Value to the Chamber/Fellow Members

1. **Teach without pitching:** Offer Casey's 20-minute safety and basic-maintenance session, at most once per quarter, if WSCC sees a member need.
2. **Share practical resources:** Supply a fleet-maintenance checklist for employers and hotels, plus concise seasonal rider tips WSCC could use in member communications.
3. **Volunteer selectively:** Ask WSCC about one community event where bicycle-related assistance would be useful. Agree on a defined role in advance; this is not an offer of unlimited free repairs.

Content Ideas

1. "How to Plan a Workplace Bike Service Day Employees Will Actually Use"
2. "Five Quick Bicycle Safety Checks Before a Commute"
3. "A Simple Maintenance Checklist for Hotel Guest Bikes"
4. "What Apartment Managers Need to Set Up a Smooth Resident Bike Service Day"
5. "When to Schedule Seasonal Tune-Ups—and What a Safety Check Does Not Cover"

Elevator Pitch for Networking Events

"I'm Morgan Ellis, owner of Trailhead Mobile Cycleworks. We bring scheduled bicycle tune-ups, safety checks, and repairs to workplaces and apartment communities, saving riders a separate shop trip. We're looking for employers or property managers who can host and communicate a predictable service day—not a large, one-off promotion. Who manages employee wellness or resident amenities in your network?"

Draft E-mail to the Chamber

Subject: Focused introductions and a practical contribution from Trailhead

Hello WSCC team,

I'm Morgan Ellis, owner of Trailhead Mobile Cycleworks. We joined WSCC to build trusted referral relationships and introduce scheduled bicycle service days at workplaces and apartment communities.

Could we schedule a brief conversation about introductions to HR or wellness managers at employers with 25–200 staff, apartment managers with secure bicycle storage, and independent hotels with guest bikes? Our first employer pilot is planned for November 2026. We can currently handle **two workplace service days per month**, so we value well-matched conversations over broad promotion.

We would also be glad to offer a 20-minute bicycle safety and basic-maintenance session, a fleet-maintenance checklist, or seasonal tips if useful to members. Over the next year, our goals are six qualified decision-maker conversations, three recurring employer agreements, and two apartment-community referral partnerships. We'll track bookings from introductions and review demand and margins in March 2027. I have about four hours a month for WSCC participation and up to $750 annually for sponsorship if there is a strong fit.

What introductions or opportunities would you recommend?

Thank you,
Morgan Ellis
Owner, Trailhead Mobile Cycleworks

Opportunities for Additional Sponsorship Investment

Treat the **$750 as a ceiling, not a spending target**. Ask WSCC's Events Committee what sponsorship options, prices, and benefits are actually available before committing.

- **Prioritize audience fit:** Explore a modest opportunity tied to an employer-facing roundtable or relevant workshop, if available. Seek meaningful conversations or a useful educational role rather than logo exposure alone.
- **Consider a targeted communication placement:** Ask whether a paid newsletter feature or other member-marketing option can reach appropriate hosts, and confirm its cost and format.
- **Set an ROI test:** Record qualified host conversations and attributable bookings from each investment. Skip sponsorships whose audience or follow-up opportunity is unclear; protect capacity and margins as well as the budget.

Outside-the-Box Ideas

1. **Create a host-ready pilot kit:** Prepare a one-page service-day outline, booking link, host communication template, and capacity limits. Ask WSCC staff whether it would help make a specific introduction.
2. **Offer a small, practical roundtable topic:** Suggest a discussion for interested employers and property managers on organizing bicycle services on-site. This is an idea to discuss with WSCC, not an existing program.
3. **Build a referral feedback loop:** Give each introduced host a distinct booking code or link. Share a brief update with WSCC on conversations, bookings, and lessons learned so future introductions become more precise.