

CBC Rideletter



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CBC Minutes January 13, 2009

Attendance – Jane & Paul Hinze, Anne Johnson, Chuck Clemens, Don Lawrence, Sandy Anderson, Rusty Martin, Dave Kvernes.

Treasurer's Report

- Dues are due for 2009, they can be sent to Dian Bauer or Anne Johnson.
- Our current balance is \$1251.83.

Study Circle

- Meetings will begin again in February.

SWFR

- Anne hasn't found a weekend yet that does not conflict with another ride. Local rides are being held on Sept 12, 19 and 26 and the first weekend in October is usually Tour de Cape and Pedaling for the Cure was in October last year but hasn't posted a date for 2009.

Annual Meeting

- Saturday March 28
- Jane & Paul's house
 - 1500 Mary Nell Lane, Carbondale
- Ride 20-30 miles at 2 pm
- Eat Pizza at 4:30 pm
 - Bring desert to share
 - Soft drinks provided
 - BYOB
- RSVP to Anne Johnson – ajohnson@globaleyes.net

Carbondale Planning Commission Public Comments

- Repair the intersection between Mill Street and 51
- Repair the bike lane on Chautauqua
- Add a bike lane on the east side of 51 south of campus

River to River Cycling Club

- <http://www.rivertorivercycling.com/>
- This is a newly formed club based out of Marion IL
- Anne will be meeting with their club president this week to discuss joint concerns

Membership

- Anne suggested developing a poster to advertise the bike club and rides for new members
- Don thinks we need slower rides for new riders
- Rusty will continue to send out notices to those who haven't yet paid their dues

The next Meeting is the Annual Meeting Saturday March 28. Rusty will send out the invitation

Meet adjourned 7:05 pm.

Rides

- **Saturday** Rides will leave Murdale at 9am weather permitting.
- **Sunday**
 - Sunday Rusty will lead rides either from his house at 11 am if the weather is nice or on the spin bikes at the Rec Center in poor weather.
- **Tuesday** – meet at Wilma's for a 2 pm ride weather permitting
- **Friday** – meet at Evergreen Terrace at 9 am weather permitting
- **Refuge Ride** – let Anne know if you would like to go on an impromptu ride through the refuge when weather and time permit
- **Harmonie Hundred**
 - Barb will reserve a Cabin in the State Park for the 2009 **Harmonie Hundred** the first weekend in May
- Link to Midwest Bike Rides - <http://www.mikebentley.com/bike>
- **John Stankovich Memorial Season Warm – Up Bike Ride**
 - <http://www.murphysboro.com/index.php?p=26>
 - Saturday March 14, 2009
 - Start at 17th Street Warehouse (corner of 17th and Pine), Murphysboro IL
 - Same day registration at 8:00 am
 - Ride begins at 9:15 am
 - 13K or 25K routes, both include 7K of Hills around Lake Murphysboro
 - Proceeds benefit Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce
 - \$10 entry fee before March 2
 - \$15 entry fee after March 2
 - The fee includes a t-shirt and entry into a gift certificate drawing
 - To assure receiving a t-shirt the entry form must be received by March 2.
 - Event Sponsors
 - First Bank and Trust Company of Murphysboro
 - Carbondale Cycle Shop
 - Phoenix Cycles
 - The Bike Surgeon
 - Murphysboro Police Department

- **GITAP**

- No need to get flustered. Take it easy. Relax. However, you should be aware that GITAP-09 has about 20% more registrations than last year at this time (Jan. 31), and we were filled up by mid-April, 2008.
- So perhaps it's getting time to start thinking about making a decision about this year's wonderful week on a bike in northern Illinois. That's if you haven't done so yet. We certainly don't want to disappoint anyone, but we do have to keep to our 160 rider limit.
- Last year, after we filled up, I kept a waiting list. As it turned out, all those on the list were able to fill in for a registered rider who for one reason or another couldn't make the ride. It worked out nicely. But – as I'm sure you understand – there are no guarantees for this year.
- All of the details, and a registration form, are at www.bikelib.org/gitap Chuck Oestreich, League of Illinois Bicyclists, chuckace2@gmail.com
- Anne, Jane and Paul are planning to ride

- **Pedal Across Wisconsin**

- Sandy Anderson would like to know if anyone is interested in riding Pedal Across Wisconsin
 - There are 3 different multiday rides available
 - <http://www.pedalacrosswisconsin.com/>

Bike Repair Workshop

- The SIU Student Center Craft Shop is offering bike repair workshops
 - Basic Bike Repair (1 Session) Section 1
 - Saturday, March 21, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
 - Section 2: Saturday, April 11, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
 - Section 3: Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
 - Think green, healthy, and economical and keep your bike road ready. Learn how to adjust seats, brakes, shifters, handle bars, oil chains and fix flats. Learn about safety, rules of the road, and bike programs in our area.
 - Cost: \$5.00 SIUC Students, \$10.00 Others

LIB Extra – from the League of Illinois Bicyclists

Advocacy, rides, and more – for further details, check out LIB's website, www.bikelib.org

State Trail Closings Averted

The Hennepin Canal Trail and parts of the I&M Canal Trail have been spared from state budget cuts! On November 20, Gov. Blagojevich addressed SB1103, a funding bill meant to stop the planned closings of eleven state parks and other state programs. The bill had passed the state legislature overwhelmingly in October. With his line item veto power, the Governor cut out many parts of the bill while retaining others. The \$2.1 Million for staff at the eleven threatened state parks was approved. However, the Administration announced that the funds would be used to keep open only four of the parks: Kickapoo, Gebhard Woods, Channahon Parkway – and the Hennepin. (Staff at Gebhard and Channahon maintain large sections of the I&M trail).

The planned state park closings generated a large public outcry from many groups. LIB's efforts focused on the federal law protecting federal investments in state/local facilities. Both the Hennepin Canal Trail and I&M Canal had been recipients of significant federal grants. We investigated the law, publicized it to the media and relevant state agencies and legislators, and worked with the feds and Congressmen to hold the state to their responsibilities. We are pleased that our efforts may have contributed to the Hennepin and I&M trails remaining open.

Ride Reports

By Dave Kvernes

Your homeowner's or renter's insurance might prove useful in case of a bicycle accident.

Here is a story that illustrates that possibility. In the early 1990s my son, who was a student at the SIU branch in Nakajo, Japan, had an accident on his brand new bicycle. Not as aware as he should have been that autos in Japan are driven on the wrong side of the road, he looked the wrong way at an intersection and was blind-sided by a car that had the right of way. He flew over the hood and smashed the windshield—fortunately he was wearing a helmet—and suffered a bad break of one ankle. The bicycle was a total loss and some damage was done to the front of the auto in addition to the windshield.

We were pleasantly surprised to discover that my home renter's insurance not only supplemented my son's student medical insurance but also paid for damage to the auto and reimbursed us for the loss of the bicycle. Insurance companies may not be so generous in cases like this one as they were 15 years ago, and some may not offer coverage similar to ours, but in case you have an accident on your bicycle, it's worth checking it out.

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Carbondale Bicycle Club

Website <http://members.tripod.com/~PCTT/cbc.htm>

2009 Ride Table

John Stankovich	March 14	Murphysboro IL	http://www.murphysboro.com/index.php?p=26
Harmonie Hundred	May 2 & 3	New Harmony IN	http://www.harmoniehundred.net/index2.html
Horsey Hundred	May 23-25	Lexington KY	http://www.bgcycling.net
Beautiful Southern	May 16 ?		
GITAP	June 14-20	Northern Illinois	http://www.bikelib.org/gitap/2009/index.htm
POWWOW	June	Wisconsin	http://www.wisconsinbicycletours.com/
GRABAAWR	June 20-27	Wisconsin	http://www.bikewisconsin.com/Grabaawr/index.html
TRIRI	June 20-27	SW Indiana	http://www.triri.org/triri.htm
Tour de Corn	June 27	East Prairie MO	http://www.tourdecorn.com/
Kiwanis Fun Day	Aug 15	Mt. Vernon IL	http://www.fundaybikeride.com/
MTR	Sept 4-7	MN	
Misaligned Minds	Sept 12	Paducah, KY	http://www.bikeworldky.com/events.htm
Amish Bike Tour	Sept	Arthur, IL	http://www.decaturbicycleclub.org/arthur.html
TRIRI SE	Sept	Indiana Parks	http://www.triri.org/se.html
Southern Spokes	Sept 19	Rend Lake Dam West	7 am - Call (618) 457-2969 to preregister
Amish Bike Tour	Sept	Arthur, IL	http://www.decaturbicycleclub.org/arthur.html
TRIRI SE	Sept	Indiana Parks	http://www.triri.org/se.html
Tour de Hope	Sept 26	Marion IL	http://www.hohtourdehope.com/
Tour de Cape	Oct 23-25	Cape Girardeau, MO	http://tourdecape.com/
Pedaling for Cure	Oct	Paducah, KY	http://www.bikeworldky.com/events.htm
Hilly Hundred	Oct	Ellettsville, IN	http://www.hillyhundred.org/

CARBONDALE BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM & RELEASE

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Email _____

Home Address: _____

In consideration of, and as an inducement to, the CARBONDALE BICYCLE CLUB permitting me to participate in their rides, I hereby certify and represent the following:

1. I realize bicycling is a dangerous sport, which can occasionally result in harm or death to its participants.
2. Furthermore I understand the rides will be carried out primarily on public roads without special traffic control.
3. I am fully aware of any and all danger inherent to bicycling and willingly assume all risk and responsibilities of participation in this ride.
4. In signing this release for myself, or for the named entrant (when the entrant is under 18 years old), I understand the intent of this release and agree to waive to the fullest extent permitted by law any and all claims I may have against the CARBONDALE BICYCLE CLUB, its members, officers, directors, committees, and/or agents arising out of or in any way connected with such participation.
5. I furthermore certify that the entrant and his or her equipment are physically prepared for this event, and the entrant will exercise due caution, obey all traffic laws and wear a helmet at all while bicycling.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

DATE: _____ Signature _____

Send Completed membership form and release, along with the membership fee of \$10.00 single, \$20.00 family to: Diann Bauer, 515 N Helen, Carbondale, IL 62901