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A NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB



Busy Year

Again, looking at the agenda, 2010 looks to be another very busy year for IVBC and the

Iowa Bicycle Coalition. We have several local projects to make Marshalltown a better community, and; yes, we need many, many volunteers. Projects range from bike rodeos, work on the Linn Creek Recreational Trail, safety programs, bike advocacy programs, and several others. We would appreciate input regarding news, projects, your suggestions and other comments. When we share information and our thoughts on making our community and state a better place to live and bike, we will truly become a better community.

A great deal of work has already been accomplished in passing a bicycle safety bill for Iowa. As the legislative session for 2010 develops, we will keep you informed as to the progress of the bicycle safety bill.

Iowa Bicycle Coalition Summit

The Iowa Valley Bicycle Club will pay the registration fee of \$25.00 for the first ten members to register for the Iowa Bicycle Coalition Bike Summit in Des Moines on January 30th. The Summit offers several sessions on a wide variety of topics along with a main presentation by John LaPlante, the Director of Traffic Engineering for T.Y. International. Simply go on line at www.iowabicyclecoalition.org and complete the registration form. Let Charlie Smith at crsmith@mchsi.com know you have registered, and we will work on a carpool system. Show up at the Summit, and you will be reimbursed for your registration fee.

RAGBRAI Route Announcement Party

You may want to stay for the RAGBRAI Route Announcement Party at Hy-Vee Hall in Downtown Des Moines. The event offers live and silent auctions, live music, snacks and soft drinks, door prizes and much more. Be one of the first to learn of the RAGBRAI route for 2010.

Mileage Reports

It would be most helpful if everyone would email or call Tom Kurth and report their mileage for 2009. Also include if you had ridden a century for the first time and if you had five or more centuries. You can reach Tom by email at stkurth@mchsi.com or call him at 641-752-4811.

IVBC and RAGBRAI

IVBC members who intend to do RAGBRAI are reminded to go on line and register for RAGBRAI, especially if you intend to travel with IVBC. One bus is filled, and in February, the second bus will fill, and you may find yourselves on the waiting list. Check the [IVBC web site](#) for information, and if you have questions, contact [Dana Bresler](#)



Editor's Note

The January newsletter is a little short. December saw little news regarding bicycling. Word is that the editor spent too much time in December playing with the grandkids' Christmas toys. There are some really great toys for young people.

As we start to work on projects for the upcoming year, we will keep everyone updated as to the progress. With the bicycle safety bill, we may post updates two or three times a month, just to keep everyone informed.



SMILE... Spring
is coming!!!



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