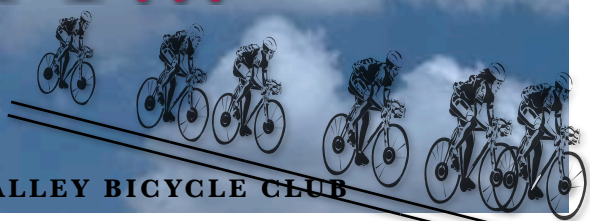


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A NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB

Editorial

The Iowa Valley Bicycle Club has been committed to making Marshalltown and Marshall County a better place to live. Community improvement is never an easy accomplishment because it requires a lot of hard work and dedication by a few people, with the rewards coming few and far between. The changes we are making may seem small, but they will influence not only the present generation, but future generations.

It was great to see the bike racks mentioned as an example of community improvement in Marshalltown effort to become an "All American City." Sometimes, we need to "pat ourselves on the back" for our accomplishments. We will soon have the "Connecting Trail from the Grimes Farm to S75. We had 14 companies participate in Bike to Work Week. The condition of the Linn Creek Trail improves each year. Because of our volunteer work, we host one the oldest and most successful rides in the state, "Marshmallo." Young people are safer because we provide \$1,200 to purchase helmets each year. IVBC is one the oldest charters for RAGBRAI. The Club provides safety education to the Community Y Day Camp, as well to a special grant program at Rogers Elementary. We give financial support to several other community organizations, all working to make life better for people. Other programs are in the developmental stages, and I am sure they, too, will be successful. We have a right to feel good about our club and our work!--Charles Smith

Connection Trail

If one has not driven Iowa Avenue west of Marshalltown, please do so, and check the progress on the Connecting Trail. Look out Melbourne, we will soon be headed your way. Check out the pictures below:



Looking south along Highland Acres Road



Looking east from the S75 bridge

Quote of the Month: Life is like riding a bicycle - in order to keep your balance, you must keep moving. ~Albert Einstein

Marshmallo

If we want the grass to be green and flowers to grow, we must have a little rain--just not when we schedule our Marshmallo Bike Ride. We all thank Kathy Briggs and the entire Marshmallo committee as well as the volunteers. Thirteen riders did complete the ride and enjoy the late morning sunshine.



Just look at that blue sky...these guys were among the 10 century riders who left at 7:00. At 9:00, when the bulk would have left, it was pouring down rain!



Cloudy and rainy looking at 7:00, but 10 hearty riders left anyway...

CONSEQUENTLY.....

IVBC has Marshmallo shirts for sale! All sizes, muted golden color. The cost is \$5.00, and one should contact Kathy Briggs at 752-9725.

Bike to Work Week

This is the third year IVBC has sponsored Bike to Work Week, and each year we have improved the method. This year, IVBC, approached several community corporations, asking each business to participate in Bike to Work Week as a corporation. A corporate challenge was offered to the corporations, and a drawing for prizes was held for individuals who participated. Fourteen corporations participated in Bike to Work Week, and fifty-eight individuals, who rode a total of "197 days". That means 39 cars remained in the garage for 5 days. That means less traffic and less pollution, and who knows how many gallons of gas were saved. Lennox was the winner of the large corporations, but Emerson-Fisher was not far behind. Other winners were McFarland Clinic, Packaging Corporation of America, Center Associates, and Bowman & Miller Associates.

IVBC would like to thank Ann Bresler and Charles Smith who worked hard to make Bike To Work Week a success. We know we can make it even better next year. A special thanks to all those who participated and helped with the planning.



Ann Bresler presents the Division I Corporate Challenge certificate to Lennox Manufacturing. Lanny Nuese accepts it.

Bike to Work Week grand prize winner was Roger Vreeland (right) from Lennox Manufacturing. He is presented with \$150 Area Dollars by Lanny Nuese (left). Other \$25 winners were: Diane Baker, Joel Bulanek, Bob Backes, Glenn Harmelink, Pat Lynott, Sally Jensen, Monica Rohde-Fulton, Tom Murphy, Rose Fuller, Adam Baily, Mike Bair, Shari Bryant, Carol Paxson, and Brian Kunkel. Other corporate winners were: McFarland Clinic (Div. II), Packaging Corp. of America (Div. III), Center Assoc. (Div. IV), and Bowman & Miller (Div. V).



***Note**

Please note the absence of some ride leaders. Please be aware that there will be a ride, and a club member will help determine the route for the day. The responsibility of the ride leader is to help reach consensus on the route. Dana Bresler has agreed to announce central Iowa organized rides. All local rides will begin in the parking lot of the Community Y Cultural Center.

*** Note:** Those individuals who want to do an "out of town" sponsored ride by another club may want to contact John Eich or Dana Bresler and ask of the possibility of an organized car pool.

RAGBRAI--The countdown has begun; be sure to log those miles so you will be in shape.
7 weeks to go...



Ride Schedule for June

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5-- Saylorville Campout. If you are a member of IVBC, your campsite is paid for. Members sometimes ride to Saylorville on Friday and back home on Sunday. It's a fun way to relax with others. We camp at Saylorville Lake, Prairie Flower Group Camping Area. Friday night arrival and campfire. Activities available Sat - Dam to Dam Run activities - Farmers Market in Des Moines - High Trestle Bridge and Trail - Neil Smith Trail. Sat night potluck dinner and campfire. If you are interested in riding down to Saylorville on Friday, meet at the Cultural Center in Marshalltown at 9:00 am Friday. If you have questions, contact Dana Bresler 641-485-4804. It's a fun way to relax with others. Otherwise, meet us there.....

June	Ride Leader	Start Time
Saturday, June 4		
Class I Ride:	need leader	8:00 AM
Class II Ride:	need leader	8:00 AM
(Saylorville Campout--see above)		
Saturday, June 11		
Class I Ride:	need leader	8:00 AM
Class II Ride:	need leader	8:00 AM
(Bramco---Winterset, Tour de Raccoon)		
Saturday, June 18		
Class I Ride:	need leader	8:00 AM
Class II Ride:	need leader	8:00 AM
(Chariton Classic) (Iowa Trails Summit, Waterloo)		
Saturday, June 25		
Class I Ride:	need leader	8:00 AM
Class II Ride:	need leader	8:00 AM
Hiawatha (Perry), Sturgis Falls, Best Dam Bike Ride)		



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MEETING DATE: The next monthly meeting is June 8th at 7:00 at the Fisher Community Center. The RAGBRAI planning meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Everyone interested in bicycling is welcome to attend.

Check our web site <http://marshalltownbikeclub.com>

Check out our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/IowaValleyBicycleClub?ref=ts>