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NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB

Bicycle Safety Bill and Amendments

The bicycle safety bill passed out of the House committee on Human Resources by a vote of 11 to 9. The vote was according of party lines. All Democrats supported the bill while all Republicans opposed the bill. At the present time, it is difficult to understand why the bill had some Republican support earlier only to see the support erode. With a shortened legislative session and a state budget problem, the bicycle safety bill faces an uphill battle. The bill will come to the House floor if time permits and if the supports of the bill have 51 votes. If the bill does not come to the floor, the bill is dead and the entire process must begin again in January of 2011.

The issue of riding two abreast has become a difficult issue for the many RAGBRAI fans. The amendments states that cyclists are permitted to ride two abreast and if a ride is to take place in which riders ride more than two abreast, the event or ride must acquire permission from the local government. Seems simple until planning the RAGBRAI route. The Register would need to acquire permission from every city and county they visited. If one county or city refused, a new route would be needed. Should two or more connecting counties refuse, some cities could never be overnight town and some parts of the state could never be visited by RAGBRAI.

Several amendments were offered. One was accepted. There was an amendment to implements of husbandry exempting them from 5' passing. Rejected amendments included:

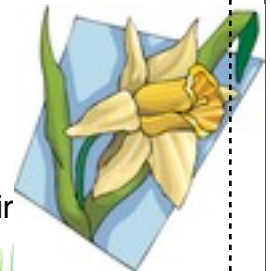
1. Wearing 50% yellow, orange, florescent green-yellow at night.
2. Wearing 50% reflective clothing at night.
3. Cyclists may ride two abreast and may be exempt when on state/local approved events.
4. Cyclists must be 6' from edge of road and when being passed must move within 3' of edge.
5. Cyclists must wear mirrors (this includes kids and trails)

The details of the bill are available on the Iowa legislative web site under SF 117.

Club Jersey Redesign

The Club needs to order more club jerseys and at the same time, many felt it was time to update the club jersey. After collecting input and meeting with those expressing interest in a new jersey, the group decided to go with much the same jersey. The jersey looks good and has become in IVBC icon around the state. Recommended changes include a new font on the front and back, increase the fade on the back, front and sleeves to add more white to make the jersey more visible. At the present time, the cost will be close to \$60 per jersey; however, the larger the order, the lower the price per jersey. The same material will be used, which feels good and after several years, still looks good. We can order a pro fit size or a semi-pro fit, which will give us a little room. We will order sample fit jerseys to gain a knowledge of the true sizing.

Those interested in a new jersey, call Charlie Smith at 641-752-3929 or email crsmith@mchsi.com. Those who order early will be assured of a good fit. We feel staying with the Louis Garneau company is a good idea since we've had such good luck with their jerseys in the past.



IVBC PRESENTS MILEAGE AWARDS

The Iowa Valley Bicycle Club of Marshalltown held its annual mileage awards meeting on March 10th. Each year the club totals the combined miles for all the members. The club has had a goal of reaching ¼ of a million miles ridden by all its members. This year we reached that goal with a total of 257,445.84 cumulative miles. Forty-three club members rode more than 2000 miles in 2009. IVBC, however, would not have reached the ¼ million mark without the miles ridden by each and every one of its members. Individual awards were also presented for members riding 5 centuries or more. Those members included Lanny Nuese, Bill Hawk, Joel Ludwig, Brad Bosworth, Pat Beurskens, Tom Kurth, John Sheehy and Roger Vreeland. Members riding their first century were Bob Backes, Guy Buchwald, and Greg Davis. Two members, Richard Henningsen and Ken Zak, actually rode 16 centuries a piece. Ken Zak also rode a double-century in 2009. Individual awards went to Ken Zak as the top male rider with a total of 10014. Gabrielle Coughlin was the top female rider with 5790 and Gabrielle teamed with her husband, Pat, to have the most family mileage with a total of 11580 miles.

WANTED:

A bike to commute to work this summer--the simpler the better--prefer a one-speed bike. Contact Von Ketelsen (515) 408-8665 or email von@ccr.net



Mileage winners shown: Richard Henningsen, John Sheehy, Lanny Nuese, Tony Etcher (club president), Roger Vreeland, and Tom Kurth (other award winners were not present to be photographed)

[Click here for complete 2009 milege statistics](#)



The Iowa Valley Bicycle Club would like to thank the Marshalltown Development Foundation for assisting the Club with Marshmallo sponsorship denations. The Club has permission to use the Foundations 501 (c)3 tax status number for 2010. The 501 (c)3 tax status number is an issue the bike club must address in the future.



IVBC Ride Program

IVBC will attempt to develop a ride program to meet the changing needs of cyclists in the Marshalltown area. As more citizens in our community are riding a bicycle, the Club feels a need to offer a more diverse ride program. The Club will offer rides for Class I and Class II riders. Class I rides will be for individuals who would prefer to ride at 15 plus mph and a distance of 50 miles or more. Class II rides will be for individuals who prefer to ride at 12 plus mph and a distance of up to 30 miles. Class I and II rides will occur on Sat. mornings, (starting times have yet to be determined) beginning of the Y Cultural Center, with a designated ride leader for each ride. The ride leaders will determine a group consensus as to the distance and direction of the ride, mainly determined by the weather pattern for the day. As we move towards summer, the starting times will move to an earlier time. The opposite would be true as we move into the fall riding season.

The Club will offer Leisure Rides (Social Rides), which will be about 10 plus mph and a distance of approximately 15 miles. These will be family oriented, inside the city of Marshalltown. The Leisure Rides (Social Rides) will occur on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoon, with a starting time yet to be determined. A designated ride leader will be predetermined, and riders will again reach group consensus as to the ride route.

***Note: If you have been selected as a ride leader on a particular date and cannot meet that obligation, please contact John Eich as soon as possible. TBA means Time to be Announced simply means that at the current time, the club does not know when the ride is to begin and will be sent out to club members via email when the time is determined.**

| April | Ride Leader | Start Time |
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| Saturday, April 3: | | |
| | Class I Ride: Lanny Nuese | 9:00 AM |
| | Class II Ride: Dieter Butzlaff | 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, April 10: | | |
| | Class I Ride: Terry Briggs | 9:00 AM |
| | Class II Ride: Ann Miller | 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, April 17: (Kids Fit Day---Y) | | |
| | Class I Ride: Dana Bresler--- Mayor's Ride for Trails (TBA) | |
| | Class II Ride: Charlie Smith | 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, April 24 | | |
| | Class I Ride: Charlie Smith | 9:00 AM |
| | Class II Ride: Ann Miller | 9:00 |
| May | | |
| Saturday, May 1: | | |
| | Class I Ride: NABR Dana Bresler | TBA |
| | Class II Ride: Tom Kurth | 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, May 8: | | |
| | Class I Ride: Dave Eaton | 9:00 AM |
| | Class II Ride: Bill Bucklin | 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, May 15: | | |
| | Class I Ride: Lincoln Highway Bridge Festival—Tama Charlie Smith (TBA) | |
| | Class II Ride: Ann Miller---Tama or Shorter Distance (TBA) | |
| Saturday, May 22: | | |
| | Class I Ride: Marshmallo | 7:00 & 9:30 AM |
| | Class II Rides Marshmallo | 9:30 AM |
| Saturday, May 29: | | |
| | Class I Ride: John Eich | 9:00 AM |
| | Class II Ride: Kris Mckibben | 9:00 AM |
| | Club Ride: Red Rock Ride at Lake Red Rock Lake by Tom Kurth | |



**Spring is finally here!
I saw kids on our street
riding and skating!**

Iowa Valley Bicycle Club

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REMEMBER--The regular IVBC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at the Fisher Community Center at 7:00 p.m. The RAGBRAI committee meets at 6:30 p.m. before the regular meeting. Anyone interested in bicycling is welcome to attend.