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A NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB



**Point of Interest:** All communities with recreational trails and bike clubs have a working relationship and cooperate to keep the trail in good condition and safe for all users. IVBC will do trail maintenance this spring and summer; none of the details have been worked out yet; it will require coordination with the city. Anyone interested in helping, contact an IVBC officer.

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**Transportation Enhancement Funding:** There is evidence of the growing demand for recreational trail, walking and bicycling across the nation. As of yet, funding for trails and other transportation enhancements have not been cut from the Transportation Bill in Congress. Total funding for the transportation bill may be reduced, but trail funding has not been cut out of the bill. Keep up the good work.

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**Tip of the Month:** It is getting warmer and now is the time to remember where we left our bicycles this past fall. That first ride of the new season could be only a few days away.

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**Bicycle Safety Bill:** Word is that we will not see any progress on the bicycle safety bill in the Iowa legislature for 2011. The Iowa House is too busy passing bills that will never be discussed in the Senate. **Editor's Opinion:** We have a crisis in the state, but it's not a budget crisis.

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**Marshmallo:** Marshmallo planning is complete except for finding sag drivers and helpers at rest stops. If you would like to help with Marshmallo, call Kathy (Terry) Briggs. We would love to have your assistance.

## RAGBRAI

The tickets are sold, the buses are nearly full, (5 seats left) and nearly all planning



is complete. The committee is working on campsites in the overnight towns, and equipment repair is under discussion. The only thing left is finding your tent and bicycle, and you will be ready (that is, after you practice riding a bit). In June, the newsletter will have all the minor details, times, and camp routine, etc.

**Quote of the Month:** It is curious that with the advent of the automobile and the airplane, the bicycle is still with us. Perhaps people like the world they can see from a bike, or the air they breathe when they're out on a bike. Or they like the bicycle's simplicity and the precision with which it is made. Or because they like the feeling of being able to hurtle through air one minute, and saunter through a park the next, without leaving behind clouds of choking exhaust, without leaving behind so much as a footstep. ~Gurdon S. Leete



**Bike to Work Week:** Ann Bresler and Charlie Smith are working on Bike to Work Week, with planning about 50% complete. We need volunteers to help with corporation contacts and help with activities during the week. Let Ann or Charlie know if would would like to help with the activities.

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**High Trestle Trail Bridge:** Check out the video of the nearly completed High Trestle Bridge at: <http://www.kcci.com/video/27172543/detail.html>

**My Y Tri:** IVBC would like to thank all the club members who helped make the Community Y "My Y Tri" a success. It is great we are able to help with such an event. It speaks well of our community.

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**Spring Rodeos:** We have three bike rodeos scheduled and three more for late April and early May. We will need volunteers and IVBC will be calling for members to help when the schedule is complete.



**\*Note**

Below is the April and May ride schedule. 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.



**Iowa Valley Bicycle Club  
Ride Schedule for April and May**

<b>April</b>	<b>Ride Leader</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
Saturday, April 2		
Class I Ride:	Charlie Smith	9:00 AM
Class II Ride:	(need volunteer)	9:00 AM
Saturday, April 9		
Class I Ride:	John Eich	9:00 AM
Class II Ride:	Pat Lynott	9:00 AM
Saturday, April 16		
Kids Fit Day	Community Y	1:00-3:00 PM
Class I Ride:	Charles Smith	9:00 AM
Class II Ride:	Tom Kurth	9:00 AM
	(Mayor's Annual Ride for Trails---Des Moines)	Dana Bresler
Saturday, April 23		
Class I Ride:	John Eich	9:00 AM
Class II Ride:	Dave Eaton	9:00 AM
Saturday, April 30		
Class I Ride:	(need volunteer)	9:00 AM
Class II Ride:	Tom Kurth	9:00 AM
	(Grand Celebration---High Trestle Tail)	Dana Bresler
<b>May</b>	<b>Ride Leader</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
Saturday, May 7		
Class I Ride:	Dana Bresler	9:00 AM
Class II Ride:	(need volunteer)	9:00 AM
	(NABR---Nevada)	Dana Bresler
Saturday, May 14		
Class I Ride:	Dana Bresler	9:00 AM
Class II Ride:	(need volunteer)	9:00 AM
	(Lincoln Highway Bridge Festival, Tama)	Dana Bresler
Saturday, May 21		
Class I Ride:	MARSHMALLO	9:00 AM
Class II Ride:	MARSHMALLO	9:00 AM
Saturday, May 28		
Class I Ride:	(need volunteer)	9:00 AM
Class II Ride:	Charlie Smith	9:00 AM
Friday-Sunday, June 3-5	Saylorville Campout	

**Iowa Valley Bicycle Club**

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MEETING DATE: The next monthly meeting is Apr. 13th 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.

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