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A NEWSLETTER OF THE IOWA VALLEY BICYCLE CLUB

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Cycling Friends,

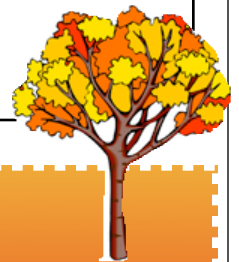
This will be the last message that I write as president. I am retiring from the role of IVBC President. I wish that I could retire from other roles that I have too, HA!

I have been president for many years, lately and also in the 90's. I need a break, and I feel that the club can benefit from new leadership also. It has been fun and challenging. I will still be active in the IVBC though because it is a great group of people with similar interests and the same goals- to promote safe bicycling FOR ourselves, the community and the state. Many in our club are doing great things for bicycling! Just look around you! We're actively involved in the bike lanes and bike racks that have gone up in town. We have contributed many \$ to the trail system here in Marshalltown also. We have an active membership and a board member in the Iowa Bicycle Coalition.

The Annual Meeting is coming up Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. Once again we will have a spaghetti dinner, free to you! Dana will be putting together some entertainment for the night, and there will be door prizes! Also, we will have election of officers and board members (all positions are filled up). Please plan to attend, it's a great night to see all your biking buddies and reminisce about the year's rides. Remember, we need your ongoing participation to continue to make ours a great bicycle club!

Thanks for all of your support over the years!!!

Kris McKibben, President IVBC



Tip of the Month

Important Message: Do not miss the IVBC Annual Meeting on November 6, at 6:00 PM at the UAW Hall on Iowa Avenue. All members are welcome to attend!

IVBC/Image 2011 Projects for 2010

November is here, and we are all looking forward to the holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year. However, IVBC is looking forward to next spring and another season of long bike rides, rather than the shorter fall and winter rides, not to mention those spinning classes at the Community Y.

The Club is in the process of setting the budget and selecting possible projects for 2010. The past club projects have had an impact upon our community, and the entire community has, on several occasions, expressed appreciation. We have experienced success because several club members, and community citizens have volunteered the time and expertise on several projects. It is time to assess the community accomplishments and set our goals even higher for 2010. As they say, "Success breeds success."

We need club input in selecting possible goals for 2010. Listed below are several suggested projects. Study each project and let the club know the projects you feel the club should adopt. Also, let the club know the projects you personally would like to work towards. PLEASE feel free to suggest any project you're interested in that is not listed below.

1. Improving the current Linn Creek Recreational Trail
2. Continued improvement of Bike Parking in the Central Business District.
3. Grimes Farm-S75 Connection to the Melbourne Trail (\$\$\$)
4. Improvement on the current Melbourne Trail
5. Community Bicycle Safety Program (safety education, helmet program, bike rodeos, etc.)
6. Re-design of the IVBC jersey
7. Expand bike lanes in the city
8. Bicycle Education Program---(How each of us can be a better cyclist)
9. Expanded Ride Program (Saturday, Sunday, weekday rides, family rides, all women rides)
10. Bike to Work Week Program
11. Development of a program to encourage more people in our community to bike.
12. Encourage the Safe Routes to School Program in our Community.
13. Work to encourage the passage of Bicycle Safety legislation
14. Gather citizen input on improvement on biking and walking in our community.
15. Develop short and long term bicycling goals for the community and write a plan to implement those goals.



***NOTE: All projects listed above are Image 2011 projects, and IVBC is committed to accomplishing the central concept of making Marshalltown and Marshall County a "bicycle friendly community".**



CLASSIFIED ADS

If you want buy, sell, or maybe just give away something, let IVBC know, and we will post the advertisement. Send item description to [IVBC newsletter](#) or call 752-3929.

Linn Creek Trail



East Main Street to Riverview Park



By the Ball Park

Repair work on the Linn Creek Trail this fall consisted of filling the cracks on the trail and a new seal coat on the trail from E. Main St. to Riverview Park. You may have noticed more changes to the trail in the past year and that is because of the increased use of the trail. The old "emergency 911" numbers have been covered by the seal coat, but a new system will replace the old 911 numbers. IVBC has received

recommendations that the trail be marked every 10th mile for those who walk the trail. If you have recommendations or suggestions, call the Park and Rec Department. IVBC will continue to work with the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain and improve the trail.

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, 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 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.

Designated ride leaders will be on a volunteer basis, with each club member being given the opportunity to be a ride leader. You may sign up to be a ride leader at the Annual Meeting on November 6, or you may email John Eich at tandemguy59@aol.com. It is suggested that you email John as soon as possible to make sure you become a designated ride leader. The Club will make every effort to ensure everyone has an opportunity to be a ride leader.

The final component of the ride program will be participating in those rides sponsored by clubs in other communities. Individuals from several communities participate in MARSHMALLO, and IVBC can reciprocate by riding their rides, which means travel and paying an entry fee. IVBC will suggest rides in central Iowa that our club members may want to ride. IVBC will select popular, well established rides, and rides that our members have ridden before. An organized car pool system will be developed as the 2010 riding season nears.

Editor's Note IVBC would love to hear from you. If you have any additional suggestions regarding proposed changes to club activities or strongly support a proposed change, please let us hear from you. Email me at crsmith@mchsi.com

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