

Message from the President by: Kris McKibben

Dear Cycling Friends,

Well can you believe that Ragbrai is already over? IVBC had another successful year, good campsites, no major illnesses, just a few breakdowns and everyone home pretty healthy. IVBC came out ahead which is where we want to be. All agreed that having a scout driver was the best thing. Thanks so much to Dana for stepping up to do that. Now we need to start looking for a scout for next year. Requirements are 1) having Ragbrai experience and 2) an adult. If you are interested, let us know. The pay isn't too bad either. A great big THANKS goes to Reggie Blumeyer and his wife from Newton, who hosted IVBC on Wednesday night. IVBC took up a collection and also is sending \$100 to defray his expenses in food and water for our group. Thanks again Reggie for the hospitality!!

Just because the big ride is over, doesn't mean that bike riding is over too. There are numerous rides well into the fall and IVBC has some local opportunities for fun too. Check your e-mails and the list of upcoming rides and events. Some include the Root River campout, Pella's Tour de Rock, the annual IVBC century, Oktoberfest Parade, bike ride, and traffic control for the race.

Fall also means it's time for me to get some speakers for the winter meetings. I have a need for some ideas from you the people on what you are interested in, or what you want to hear about. If you have an idea, e-mail me or call and I will try to find someone with that knowledge. I have asked someone to come to the annual meeting on Nov. 3, but I won't say who until I know if he will come. Make sure you mark that date on your calendar! We will have supper and a program.

Several IVBC members have lost a parent in the last few months. Our deepest sympathies go out to Dave Kubalsky, Terry Coughlin, Harry Gardner, Kent Geffe and Kathy Briggs.

In October, IVBC will be helping the Leadership Class at MCC, both financially and with man power as they plant trees along the bike path. The date will be October 15th at 1:30 pm. More information will follow as we get it. This will be a great project as it will help to beautify our trail and create future shade. Please consider helping to plant a tree.

See you out and about- Kris

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Up Coming Events (reference event schedule on back page)

July 23 - 29, 2006



IVBC RAGBRAI XXXIV Wrap-up

Good job IVBC RAGBRAI Team Tom! I had a good time and I hope everyone else did also. Even though I didn't get to ride the whole ride, I actually ended up riding 1/4 of the ride, distance wise anyway. Course I missed the hills and wind on Monday, darn it! Hills (the entire 75.9 miles-don't forget the final climb up to the camping area), 20 mph headwind, heat & humidity - Everyone said that dealing with any two out of the three would have almost been manageable but putting them all three together was a real challenge, even for the strongest riders. They call days like that Monday, character builders. Once again, real sorry I missed it.

This RAGBRAI had a little bit of everything - the three things I mentioned above plus a storm, some tailwind, some great towns and of course Lance. Oh, I almost forgot about the adventures with the buses (air conditioning not working and blown water hose) Thanks to all that pitched in to get things fixed and for minimizing the discomfort.

I would also like to thank all team members for pitching in around camp, loading showers on and off the truck, putting up and taking down easy-ups, and keeping things tidied up. Things go so much smoother when everyone helps out, like you did.

It's nice to see so many returning friends, that have been on RAGBRAI with IVBC many years and it's also nice to have so many first time riders. I think we had a great mix this year - really a nice group of folks. As I said above, I hope everyone had a good time and I hope the newcomers felt welcome. Everyone, please start thinking about next year and invite a friend or two to come back with you.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Reggie and Lorie for opening their home and their neighbors for allowing us to camp in their yards. Many people came to me and expressed their appreciation for all Reggie and Lorie did for our group. Really, above and beyond - a royal treatment. I'll bet Reggie was flipping burgers in his sleep that night. Many, many thanks.

I would appreciate it if anyone that took digital pictures during RAGBRAI would email me 5 or 6 of the best ones. I'll send them to Rita, our webmaster, to post on our website.

Lost & Found: a Motorola 110 volt plug-in cell phone charger - a small (like for a piece of luggage) Craftsman padlock - a black plastic sports watch (says Athletic Works on the back). If any of these are yours, let me know and I'll get it to you somehow.

We'll do it all over again next year - until then, Adios!

Dana Bresler

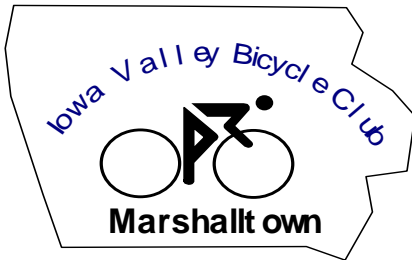


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IVBC Aug-Sept Calendar			
Date	Time	Event	Place
Aug 18-20		Root River Camping Weekend - Ride Root River Trail Sat, Campfire Sat night, and potluck Sun Brunch	Perterson Park & RV Campground Peterson, MN
Aug 29	6:00 p.m.	2nd Annual Taco Tuesday Family Ride Contact Lanny Nuese 753-5522	El Portal Rest. Meadow Lane Shopping Ctr
Sept 9-10		27th Annual Door County Century Weekend	Door County, WI
Sept 9	9:00 a.m.	Tour de Rock - 30 or 50 miles - see www.bikeiowa.com	Pella, IA
Sept 9	7:30 a.m.	Big Creek Fall Bike Ride - 11 or 40 miles - see www.bikeiowa.com	Polk City, IA
Sept 13	7:00 p.m.	Regular IVBC Meeting - All club members & guest are welcome	Fisher Community Center, Conf Rm C
Sept 16	7:00 a.m.	Annual Club Century Ride lead by John Eich 752-3991	Marshall County Courthouse
Sept 23	1:00 p.m.	Octoberfest Bike Ride - 20 mile family ride	Riverview Park Comm Bldg
Sept 23	7:00 a.m.	Amish Harvest Century Tour 2006 - see www.bikeiowa.com	Hills, IA