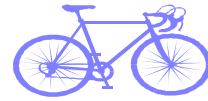




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## ***Words of Wisdom from the Prez***

We had our last board meeting of the year last week. I'd like to thank our departing board members one more time. **Pat Peterson** did a great job as Ride Chair. He always kept the rider points up to date and always had good ride leaders lined up. He lead a lot of the rides himself. **Dan Gannon** was a great Vice President. He found some great speakers for membership meetings and helped keep me on track in countless ways over the course of the year. Special thanks to **Deb Tuckwood**, not only for serving as Membership Chair for the past 3 years—but also for agreeing to continue for the next year. Thanks to the members that will be holding offices for the next year as follows:

- ❖ Mike Dix - President
- ❖ Linda Roessl - Vice President
- ❖ Norm Wojtal - Treasurer
- ❖ Bob Klein - Secretary
- ❖ Mark Sandler - Classic Chairman
- ❖ Debra Tuckwood - Membership
- ❖ Guadalupe Mittelstaedt - Ride Chair and Newsletter
- ❖ Ron Santoro - Webmaster
- ❖ Clare Beachkofski - Social Chair

It might be a long winter—here are a few ideas to keep you busy. We need a T-shirt design for the classic next year. We want to have the T-shirts ready for the Wheel and Sprocket Bike Expo in April—so it's really not that far away. How about coming up with a new design? It would also be fun to have some new rides. Winter is a great time to sit down with some maps and a computer and work out some new rides. Maybe you ride or know of some roads or trails we don't use. If you have some ideas—write down the directions and let me know. There are several people in the club that can help get them into the cue sheet software.

Don't hibernate. Watch for our winter social events. Maybe someone wants to host some indoor video riding. If you have any other ideas for social events contact Clare. I haven't put my good bike away yet—we might still get some nice weekend weather. If anyone wants to lead a post-season weekend ride let me know.

See you on the road.

**Mike Dix**

***President BVBC***

### ***BVBC Board Members***

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>
President	Michael Dix	mike@bayviewbikeclub.org
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## ***Standing Committees***

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Web Master	Ron Santoro	bikerron@bayviewbikeclub.org
Nominating	Vacant	

## **Next Board Meeting 2011**

**When:** To Be Announced.

**Restricted to Board Members only please.**

## **February Club Meeting**

**When:** February 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

**Where:** Beulah Brinton Center  
2555 S. Bay St., Milwaukee (Bay View).

## ***Membership Report***

Current membership expires on 03/31/11. Any membership dues paid now will be credited towards next years dues which won't expire until 03/31/12.

We currently have 126 members: 116 adults and 10 children.

## ***Please Welcome our new members:***

**Tom Perkins, Scott Siebers, and Becky Burton**



## December/January Birthdays



Dennis Labinski	December 2	Ron Santoro	January 3
Nancy Krueger	December 6	Tierney Lalor	January 10
Barbara Pier	December 7	Sandra Gannon	January 12
Erika Hall	December 11	Robert Polk	January 14
Patrick Walsh	December 19	Harry Fischer	January 20
Alyssa Cahill	December 22	Susan Duchateau	January 29
		Tom Nelson	January 30

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## ***Pat Peterson, Ride Chair***

This is my final article as Ride Chair for the bike club. I would like to thank all of the people that were ride leaders for me this year; I could not have done it without you. Guadalupe will be taking over as Ride Chair for next year.

I have enjoyed being the Ride Chair. I was glad to meet and ride with you all and look forward to seeing you out on the road next year. As a group we earned 37,767 rider points.

We have the Too Much Turkey Ride on November 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be the Polar Bear Ride on January 1<sup>st</sup>, a Sweetheart Ride in February and a ST. Patty's Day Ride in March for our winter rides (more details to come).

See you out on the road.

***Pat***

## ***Ride Schedule***

Ride Start at **10am**

### **Saturday, November 27, 2010**

***Too Much Turkey Ride*** - 16 miles - the ride starts behind the Pantheon restaurant on Rawson west of 76th street

## BVBC - Rider Point Totals - 1-Oct-2009 thru 23-Aug-2010

Roessl, Linda	<b>1777</b>	Connors, Dennis	<b>474</b>
Santoro, Ron	<b>1770</b>	Krueger, Nancy	<b>398</b>
Dix, Michael	<b>1505</b>	Bloemer, Byron	<b>398</b>
Peterson, Pat	<b>1460</b>	Meilicke, Dennis	<b>395</b>
Tuckwood, Debra	<b>1453</b>	Mittelstaedt, Guadalupe	<b>393</b>
Soriano, Joseph	<b>1361</b>	Zalewski, Mark	<b>387</b>
Schmidt, Jeff	<b>1328</b>	White, Becky	<b>384</b>
Wojtal, Norm	<b>1222</b>	Schaubel, Jeff	<b>362</b>
Beachkofski, Clare	<b>1204</b>	Gibbs, Tamara	<b>349</b>
Wojtal, Prati	<b>1127</b>	Craig, Michael	<b>317</b>
Mcnaughton, Jamison	<b>1007</b>	Turney, Carol	<b>295</b>
Klein, Robert	<b>898</b>	Gresl, Lois	<b>290</b>
Gast, Ted	<b>871</b>	Nelson, Tom	<b>269</b>
Lucas, Mary	<b>820</b>	Michalets, Ellen	<b>249</b>
Peterson, Beth	<b>791</b>	Sericati, Tom	<b>240</b>
Gannon, Sandra	<b>698</b>	Hepp, Bill	<b>239</b>
Gannon, Dan	<b>698</b>	Polk, Bob	<b>236</b>
Krueger, Gil	<b>692</b>	Karr, Nancy	<b>226</b>
Duchateau, Susan	<b>650</b>	Pier, Barb	<b>213</b>
Labinski, Dennis	<b>633</b>	Hokanson, Erik	<b>206</b>
Bear, Colleen	<b>606</b>	Hustedde, William	<b>205</b>
Orosa, Jojo	<b>572</b>	Lalor, Tierney	<b>150</b>
Krall, Dan	<b>547</b>	Katzfey, David	<b>193</b>

Kelly, Kent	<b>485</b>	Butters, Gary	<b>193</b>
Bivens, Katie	<b>185</b>	Kubal, Barb	<b>50</b>
Bartelt, Gregory	<b>171</b>	Earle, Sandy	<b>50</b>
Walsh, Patrick	<b>167</b>	LaFave, John	<b>42</b>
Knepper, Dick	<b>150</b>	Crown, Ron	<b>42</b>
Poznanski, John	<b>150</b>	Brown, David	<b>34</b>
Simonson, Tom	<b>137</b>	Coffey, Brian	<b>30</b>
McNaughton, Marjorie	<b>132</b>	Kreis, Doris	<b>30</b>
Sandler, Mark	<b>116</b>	Head, Diane	<b>30</b>
Pogliano, Donna	<b>100</b>	Peterson, Jenny	<b>30</b>
Katzfey, Delvina	<b>100</b>	Stachowiak Sr, Keith	<b>30</b>
Jaeckel, Randy	<b>94</b>	Young, Meredith	<b>24</b>
Pomahac, Pat	<b>86</b>	Cahill, Alyssa	<b>24</b>
Bivens, Bob	<b>82</b>	Schaetke, Kathy	<b>24</b>
Johnson, Jared	<b>82</b>	Rajak, Steven	<b>24</b>
Williams, Maurice	<b>79</b>	Rosiak, Nancy	<b>23</b>
Burill, Alan	<b>77</b>	Dyczeiski, Robert	<b>20</b>
Neperud, Brian	<b>64</b>	Banks, Rebecca	<b>18</b>
Rajak, Gordano	<b>58</b>	Weiner, Dean	<b>16</b>
Sartori, David	<b>54</b>	Hewett, Kristin	<b>16</b>
Zalewski, Evonne	<b>54</b>	Mallman, John	<b>8</b>
Mathers, Russ	<b>50</b>		

### ***A Special Thanks...***

Here is an e-mail and photographs from Bob Herrold, Missionary worker at the First Congregational Church.

I have talked with the Asug Elementary School Administrator and teacher, Nestor Ticoy in the Philippines and they are so grateful for the Bay View Bicycle Club's donation. They will finish buying the electrical fixtures for the classrooms. One picture is of the classroom building for the first and second graders. This is the building that is now electrified. There are three other buildings on the property, one for general assemblies/meetings and the other two are additional classrooms, without electricity. The second picture is of the students in their new uniforms.

Thank you again for your generous donation.

***Bob Herrold***







***MargaretAnn's Place*** – Wisconsin's Center of Hope for Grieving Children - is a nonprofit agency that provides no-charge educational and support services to grieving children, as well as their adult family members and the community at large.

Headquartered in Milwaukee, we are one of over 300 centers for grieving children nationwide – the first established in the state of Wisconsin – dedicated exclusively to meeting the distinctive needs of grieving children.

Since its inception in 1998, MargaretAnn's Place, has developed into the largest children's multi-site grief program in Wisconsin with Peer Support/Education Groups sites in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Racine and Kenosha counties.

How did I get involved?

Over three years ago, while I was pursuing a Master's Degree in Counseling, I heard an ad on the radio for volunteers at MargaretAnn's Place. I had no idea at that time if I would like working with kids, let alone grieving kids. I went through their volunteer training and became a peer support group facilitator and have thoroughly loved working with the kids and families. Last February, after I received my degree, I was offered the position of Grief Services Coordinator and have since been promoted to Program Director. As Program Director, I put together the curriculum and direct the support groups in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha.

THANK YOU so much for your donation. Please know it will be put to good use.

***Kathy Schaetzke***

## ***Where you Belong***

Cyclists have a right to the road, but where we should be on that road depends on state law and conditions. Generally there are bicycle-specific statutes requiring us to ride as close to the right as practicable. “Practicable” means that, if the law in your area requires it, you must ride as far to the right as can reasonably be accomplished under the conditions. It does not mean that you must ride as far to the right as possible, although police will often interpret it that way. “As far as possible” may not be reasonable, because it may not be safe, whereas “as far as practicable” means essentially “as far as is safe.”

In the Uniform Vehicle Code (a suggested standard for states; actual state laws may vary), cyclists are required to ride “as close as practicable” to the right if they are riding “at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing.” So if a cyclist can keep up with traffic, then he or she can legally ride in any lane. If a group of cyclists are the only vehicles on the road, then they are setting the speed of traffic. But for common courtesy and good public relations, they should ride as close to the right as is safe when cars would like to pass.

There are exceptions to this rule—for example, when the cyclist is passing another cyclist or preparing to make a left turn. And the code elaborates on hazards that make riding to the right less feasible, such as “fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard-width lanes.” Also, on a one-way road with two or more lanes, a cyclist may choose instead to ride as close to the left as practicable.

So who decides how close to the edge is safe? You do, although your decision needs to be reasonable. For example, near parked cars, you determine how close to the “door zone,” the area where doors would be a hazard if suddenly opened, you can safely ride. You determine if broken glass or a narrow lane poses a threat that justifies riding farther to the left. You are not required to ride to the right and weave at the last moment to avoid hazards; that would be unsafe. Instead, choose a road position that allows you to ride a straight, predictable line, as close to the right as is safe.

What happens if a police officer decides that your road position is not legal? Because the officer’s determination is as subjective as yours, a court will need to make a judgment. State laws vary, but one thing is clear—you have the right to the road, and with that comes the right to make reasonable decisions about your safety.