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October Meeting

Beulah Brinton Community Center
2555 S. Bay Street
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Monday, October 15, 6:45 p.m.

Still Miles to Go

Boo hoo! Can you believe it's October? Can you believe that at 10a.m., when it's time for the Club ride to start, the average temperature is only 50 degrees? I don't know about you, but I'm not emotionally prepared to be biking in multiple layers of spandex this early in the season! Boo hoo! What happened to our endless summer? I admit that I was one of those people who complained about the heat from June thru August. But now that the high temperatures are only 60 degrees, I've repented. Can we have our summer back again?! Please?!

OK. I'm resigned to the fact that it's October. However, the good news about that is it's time for the **Annual Awards Banquet** of the Bay View Bike Club, to be held on **Monday, October 15 at 6:45 p.m.** at the Beulah Brinton Community Center in Bay View. After dinner, we'll have an election of officers, followed by the presentation of



awards to members. The election is where **you** come in. Three members need to step up to fill the 2013 Board positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. Nominations will be accepted right up to the election. If **you** enjoy club rides and events, we need **you** to serve

a term on the Board! Contact any Board members for details or to submit your nomination.

Boo! What better way to end the month than with a Halloween ride on Sunday October 28, complete with treats, costumes, and prizes! It's a hoot!

Lots of great rides in October! See you on the road!
Clare

Membership

Hi everyone.

Starting in October, any renewals or new memberships that are received will go towards next years' membership. All 2012 memberships expire on 03/31/2012 and therefore, 2013 memberships will be due. If it is convenient for you to renew this fall or winter, feel free to do so and I will make sure it is credited properly to 2013.

The Apparel order is now complete. Thanks to everyone who helped out with this project. For those of you who placed an order, they are being produced now and will be shipped out via UPS in mid November.

MaryJo
Membership Chair

Welcome these new or returning members:

Thomas McAvoy
Don Paulson
Jenny Wutt

Stay Visible In The Dark

Whether you press on a pedal, flick a signal, turn a key, change directions or change your mind, your car lights up like Cheech and Chong on a weekend bender. Considering that bike commuters share the road with automobiles, you and your bike should be just as well lit if you expect to see and be seen.

Look Straight Ahead - A handlebar-mounted light moves where and when your bike moves. Like your car's headlights, the light shines in the direction it's pointed. Disadvantage: You won't see anything outside the turning radius of your handlebar.

Watch Where You're Going - A helmet-mounted light moves where your head moves and shines where you're looking. Gaze ahead and you'll cruise down Main Street without a hitch. But jerk your head to check out the booty with the booty, and you may end up riding directly into the bushes.

On the Road Again

The full season's Rider Points report will be in the November/December Newsletter. I know my total and it's disappointing. OK. There's a goal for next season: more Rider Points. Legitimately earned of course.

Schedule change: the November 3rd Hank Aaron Trail ride has been replaced with Grant Park.

During the winter months, I, along with my brain trust, will be working on route changes, drops, and adds. So, if you have an idea for a new ride or how to make one better, please get in touch. We'll work on it.

I don't like to chide; I prefer a more positive approach. However, the distribution of number of rides to ride coordinators is, in my opinion, a disgrace to the Club. Too many members are riding on the good graces of a few. The folks who volunteer the most aren't greedy; they check "Do you need someone?", "If no one signs up, I'll take that one." And, almost always, I do need someone and no one has signed up.

Friends, neighbors, and fellow riders, please consider what you get from riding with our/your Club and what you can give back. If you know you're going to do the ride, volunteer to be the Ride Coordinator. I hope you'll give some thought to this over the off-season.

As always, check the schedule in each Newsletter or our website for any last minute changes.

It's not a ride until ridden. See you out there.
Kent

Make Yourself Visible - A red taillight, flashing or not, should be worn only behind you--on your backpack, your jersey, etc. Like a car, red lights are for the rear and white lights are for the front. It lets drivers know if you're coming or going. Good tip: Wear something reflective on your shoes or ankles. The constant movement of your rotating feet will catch the wandering eyes of daydreaming motorists.

Jennifer Sherry, bicycling.com

What Do You Hear?

Asked to hold the Rider Points report to build some suspense for the October Awards Ceremony gave me room to run an article I wouldn't usually include. Throughout my tenure I've chosen to run informative rather than personal reflection type articles. This one spoke to me and re-awakened a sense of why I ride and some of the joys I find in riding. I hope you hear at least some echoes of the message I heard in "The Long Way".

This is my last newsletter as full editor. I may be a ghost behind the screen for one or two more but that's all. My two-year stint as Editor has been worth all the missed deadlines, the frantic last minute scrambles for the satisfaction of fitting all the pieces together as tightly knitted as I could, reading and working with the articles and ideas from you, the Reader, and, the big payoff — your compliments. Thank you.

As always, if something's bicycling related, write it up and e-mail the editor at: newsletter@bayviewbikeclub.org. The November/December Newsletter deadline is sometime mid- or late November.

The look and feel of the Newsletter will change with the new Editor. That's as it should be. I have no doubt the content will be just as good or better.

Kent

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[ed. note: reportedly "to die for"]

Nancy Krueger's Pumpkin Dessert

- 1 can pumpkin, 15 oz
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 and 1/2 sticks melted butter
- 1 and 1/2 cups chopped walnuts

Social Snippets

The Capitol Drive Buffalo Wild Wings event will take place on Saturday October 20, 2012. Watch your e-mail for exact details and R.S.V.P. to social@bayviewbikeclub.org.

See you on a ride or somewhere else.
Dan



Halloween Ride

Join us on Sunday, October 28, 2012. We'll be riding the Ozaukee Interurban Trail. Let's celebrate Halloween by having some scary fun. Come dressed in your favorite/scariest Halloween costume (suitable to bike in). Every club member dressed in a costume other than a "biker" will be eligible to have their name entered for a drawing to win some SPOOKY prizes. Arrive early for a group photo and drawing for prizes. There will be Halloween treats for everyone who shows up for the ride. There's still plenty of time to conjure up a costume. Check out the photos on the BVBC website to see the creative costumes from the 2011 Halloween ride!

Mix pumpkin, milk, eggs, sugar, and spice and pour into a greased 9 x13-inch pan

Crumble dry cake mix over mixture.

Drizzle butter over cake and sprinkle with nuts

Bake at 350 for one hour

[ed. note: Nancy, thanks for sharing.]

September 2012 Membership Meeting

The meeting convened on the 17th, 7:00pm at the Beulah Brinton Center.

President: Clare welcomed new members and visitors. She reminded everyone that the October membership meeting will be our annual awards banquet which will consist of a meeting, a meal of pizza followed by the award presentation. The start time will probably be at 7PM unless occupancy can be had at 6:30. A notice will be sent out clarifying the start time.

Vice-President: No report.

Secretary: The minutes for the previous meeting published in the newsletter were approved as written by a motion.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was given by Clare in Norm's absence. It was moved and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.

Membership: MaryJo reported that we have four new members plus one sign-up at this meeting. She also reported on the status of the club jersey program saying that online ordering will be available in a day or so with the vendor Hidden Bay Graphics. Ordering can be done on the vendor website or our website via a link. Ordering will be available until Oct 7th and the jerseys will tentatively ship on or about November 15th. MaryJo concluded her report stressing that the sample jerseys should be tried on by members to assure correct sizing. These sample jerseys were brought in to the meeting by MaryJo.

Ride Chair: Kent reported that the ride

coordinators for the month of September need to get the sign-up sheets in for points tallying and also ride co-coordinators are needed for the remainder of the rides this season.

Editor: Kent made mention that this is the last year he is doing the newsletter and informed the members that the job was not as involved as it seems. Clare talked about the need for new board members to include vice president, treasurer and newsletter. Clare noted that dues are waived for board members and that nominations will be considered at the next meeting.

Social: Dan informed the members that the scavenger hunt ride is going to be held as planned on September 22 at 3:00PM. A Buffalo Wild Wings outing and a game night at Al Burrill's home is also in the works with dates to be determined.

Classic: Tom Perkins gave a review of the Classic results saying that there were a total of 459 riders which included 195 walk-ins. He informed everyone that critique forms from the riders were available for members to read review. Tom also gave a recap on the financial statistics of the Classic. Debra then informed the members that there were 205 t-shirts available of which 79 went to volunteers. All but 8 of the shirts were sold. Debra concluded that financially the t-shirts were at a break even. Tom added that the positions of registration and promotions need to be filled for next year and this point is crucial for the continuation of future Classics. A tentative date needs to be determined for the 2013 Classic.

The meeting then adjourned following a rummage sale and a tire changing seminar.

Rider Points

October 1, 2011 — September 30, 2012
All rides entered

Where are the riders and their points?!?!

You'll have to come to October's meeting to find out who came out on top, if the Tuesday Rides points really made a difference, if you managed to beat your "friendly" rival, if the points really matter.

Well, actually, the full season's listing will be in the November/December issue. 'Till then.

Ride Statistics

Oct 1, 2011 - Sep 30, 2012

Rides Scheduled.....	98
Rides Ridden.....	98
Rides Canceled.....	0
Rides Not Entered.....	0
Total Riders.....	1545
Members.....	114
Non-Members.....	83
Average.....	16
Total Miles.....	52,980

The Long Way

A tailwind has flattened the little rise on Broad Street and pushed the early evening's storm out ahead of me. The pavement passes sibilant under my wheels but is not so wet it splatters my legs. All around me rises the smell of cold water on hot asphalt. I'm a little late getting home, got out of the office slower than I'd planned, but nothing I can't make up if I take the quickest way, if I go to Fifth Street and turn straight up the hill.

The climb is maybe half a mile, insistent but never steep. I can manage it in a couple minutes without sweating through my shirt on a cool day, in three or four if the weather is otherwise and I need for some reason to arrive home dry and presentable.

I don't go that way. Instead, I turn before I get to Fifth. I take Seventh, climb for a block on a barely perceptible grade then cut into an alley that leads to another alley, and as I pass the pigeon coop back there, I nod to those racers, wondering as always if they can sense we are in some sense kindred.

I detour again, this time just half a block uphill, before turning onto the dead-end street that hosts a home gone so cluttered and thicketed that its ruination has achieved elegance. I wonder over that, too, for a few pedal strokes, how it is possible to fall so far you rise and why I so much admire this quality. Then I am on the footpath through the bushes, then scrabbling across the chunky gravel of the railroad bed before I emerge onto Sixth and turn uphill once more, this time past one of the two purple houses on this street.

I'm going to be late, for sure. But instead of feeling rushed, I feel a rush—of affinity for these streets and their odd attractions, and from the sensuous aspect of the road surface on this evening, and as well from the working of my body and bicycle, the simple and often ignored idea that I am propelling the machine that propels me.

I almost never take the short way home. I traverse the hill, and not to avoid sweating or because I don't like to climb. It's because I like to ride. I like to, in the fall, burst through piles of leaves raked to the curbs. In the winter I like to try to negotiate the lake of ice glaciated out onto the road from the drainpipe of the monastery. I like to take the extra time to see if the aging dog who jumps up in the bay window to bark me away from his property is still there to do so. I like cutting through the parking lot of the church and sometimes thinking about the two funerals I've attended there, and sometimes thinking about the traveling carnival that sets up there—how when she was eight or nine my shy daughter amazed me by belting out Pat Benatar at the karaoke tent or how, last year, in the beer garden I ran into a couple riding friends who weren't getting out much and who, as the night and drink and my stories about the road wore on, turned from defiant about their busy schedules to something so close to melancholy I left to refill a pitcher and did not return because, after years of being where they were headed, I was finally on my way back.

I turn onto my street, right where I had when I'd walked home that night. I get out of the saddle and hammer the pedals, not to save time, but for the pure pleasure of knowing I am almost home. In all my life, I have never wanted nor been able to get directly where I want to go, and the bicycle has abetted me in this sidelong ambition. Riding has shaped me in ways that have nothing to do with physical prowess or ecological benefits. I became a cyclist—instead of just being a racer or a commuter or a guy trying to lose some weight—by taking the long way, which seems to me the only way. And to keep on being one, I need to stay on that same route. Or else, just for the hell of it, try the next turn I come to.

Bill Strickland, bicycling.com

Next to a leisurely walk I enjoy a spin on my tandem bicycle. It is splendid to feel the wind blowing in my face and the springy motion of my iron steed. The rapid rush through the air gives me a delicious sense of strength and buoyancy, and the exercise makes my pulse dance and my heart sing.

Helen Keller

Ride Schedule

September rides start at 9:00am. October - November rides start at 10:00am.

Tuesdays - Morning Rides (October) - miles vary and may not happen

Start at 9:00am from Buelah Brinton Community Center, 2555 S Bay St, Bay View. Routes determined day of ride but are usually around 20 miles.

October 13, 2012 - Brown Deer to Cedarburg - 32 miles

Fairly easy ride, mostly rural areas through River Hill, Mequon and Cedarburg. Starts at Brown Deer Park. Take I-43 north to Good Hope Rd., west to Teutonia Ave., right on Teutonia (approximately 1/2 mile), right on Calumet. Cross RR tracks. Turn left into the parking lot next to the tennis courts, before the stop sign.

October 14, 2012 - Oakwood to Oakleaf - 28, 37 miles

Easy ride following the Oak Leaf trail and loops back through Oak Creek. Starts at Grant Park Golf Course. Take Lake Drive south to Hawthorne Ave. East on Hawthorne to Club House.

October 20, 2012 - Burlington Roll - 23, 33, 50 miles

Easy ride between Wind Lake and Burlington. Starts at Heg Park. Take WI 36 (Loomis Rd) south towards Wind Lake. Heg park is approximately 1 mile past Wind Lake, watch for signs on the right.

October 21, 2012 - Oconomowoc-Eagle - 25, 42 miles

Rural ride going south from Oconomowoc, through Dousman and Eagle. Longer route has some hilly areas. Starts at Roosevelt Park. Take I-94 west to WI 67. Take WI 67 (becomes Summit) for 2.5 miles. Turn left on Forest St. half-mile into park. Approximate drive time: 30 minutes from Zoo

October 27, 2012 - LaGrange - Whitewater - 30, 56 miles

Scenic ride through Southern Kettle Moraine between LaGrange and Whitewater. Starts from LaGrange General store. Take I-43 southwest to East Troy. West on WI 20 to US 12. West on US 12 to LaGrange. Park in the lot at the intersection of US 12 and Cty. H. Approximate drive time: 50 minutes from Zoo.

October 28, 2012 - Ozaukee Interurban Trail - 30 miles

Easy ride on the Ozaukee County Interurban. Starts at Logemann Community Center, 6100 W Mequon Rd. Take I-43 north to Mequon Rd (Exit 85). West on Mequon Rd just over 3 miles and turn Right into the Community Center.

November 3, 2012 - Grant Park - 13, 28 miles

Easy ride through Oak Creek Pkwy, south to Caledonia and back. Ride starts at Grant Park Golf Course clubhouse. Take I-94 south, exit at College Ave. Go east on College Ave. to Lake Dr. Take Lake Dr. south to Hawthorne Ave., east on Hawthorne to clubhouse.

November 3, 2012 - Holy Moly Hills - 14 miles

Hills, hills, hills. If you like hills this is a fun ride. Starts at Plat Rd School. Take US 45 to WI 167 (Holy Hill Rd). West on 167 to 164. Turn left on 164 go approximately 3 miles to Monches Rd. Turn right on Monches, go approximately one mile to Plat Elementary school.

November 4, 2012 - LaGrange - Southern Kettle Moraine - 23, 49 miles

Scenic ride through Southern Kettle Moraine. Starts from LaGrange General store. Take I-43 southwest to East Troy. West on WI 20 to US 12. West on US 12 to LaGrange. Park in the lot at the intersection of US 12 and Cty. H. Approximate drive time: 50 minutes from Zoo.

November 24, 2012 - Too Much Turkey Ride - 20 miles

Varies from year to year but usually one of the shorter and mid-distance rides. Check the monthly schedule. Varies