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February Meeting

Beulah Brinton Community Center
2555 S Bay St
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Monday, February 17, 2014, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Eric & Kathy Schramm-Owners of Bike Wisconsin

Oh boy... To say the least, I am a little intimidated as I write my first newsletter article as president of The Bay View Bicycle Club. I was also a bit intimidated two years ago when I came to my first club ride. I had never ridden with a group before and wasn't sure what to expect, but so many of you took time to introduce yourselves and talk about the club that I knew by the end of the ride that I would join.

The last couple of years have been fun for me, as I have rediscovered cycling and made a few new friends in the process. I have found that almost nothing beats getting together with friends for a weekend ride in country to ease the stress of a long work week...and stopping for great food after the ride makes the day even better (fajita pita anyone?).

As the 2014 riding season gets closer, I would like to take a moment to thank our previous board members for their service to our club. Clare, Jill, Bob, Kent, Dan, MaryJo, and Tom have each donated a lot of time to making this club what it is today. They made running the club look easy and have left great examples for the new board members to follow.

The new board members and their positions are: Rich Temple (president), Tom McAvoy (vice president), Susie Thaller (secretary), Joe Fischer (ride coordinator), and Andy Sikorski (social chair). Linda Roessl (treasurer) and Tammy Gibbs (newsletter editor) have stayed in their current positions.

We have been busy starting to plan for next year's Lake Country Classic, the Bike Expo, and of course all of our great weekend rides.

We are also starting to recruit volunteers for the Classic and the Expo. If you can help with either of these events please let one of the board members know either by email or talking to one of us at the monthly meetings or on a ride. Helping at the events is fun and a great way to meet other club members and share the fun of biking.

See you on a ride,

Rich

The Veep speaks

Hi fellow cyclists,

As I am new to the board a few words about myself (Tom McAvoy). This is my second year with BVBC and I'm loving it. From the Tuesday leisure rides to the weekend rides to the social events to the stuff my face with pizza, salad and get a gift at the annual meetings; it's been great fun with a great group of people. As you may or may not know, I ran unopposed for the Vice Presidency so I figure I must be pretty awesome (anybody who says otherwise is spoiling for a fight).

One of my responsibilities as Veep is to schedule Guest speakers for our monthly meetings and our February meeting will feature Eric from Bike Wisconsin, the organization that runs the days long Sagbrow, Bike Northwoods, and Grabaawr bike trips. This should be both an interesting and informative presentation. In March and April I have tentative commitments from Lawrence Hoffman the director of the Boys and Girls Club nonprofit bicycle repair training program to which our club donates and Evan Pack, the fun Executive Director of Vulture Space a downtown Milwaukee do it yourself bike repair shop, also a nonprofit. I found what they do intriguing and so may you. For those among you who think you know of a topic or person who would be of interest as a speaker at one of our monthly meetings please go to the Bay View Bicycle Club web site contacts, Tom McAvoy and send an email or approach me on a ride, event, or meeting.

A friend who is a member of the Lapham Peak Friends wished to pass on that they are hosting the 9th Annual Bike Swap Saturday, March 15 at the Cushing School in Delafield. The event is for buying a selling bikes, parts, accessories. The event raises funds for the Lapham Peak snowmaking project. For more information including directions please check: BikeSwap-LaphaPeakFriends.org
See you February for our kick off meeting for 2014!

Membership Notes

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to the BVBC. My name is Bill Dames and some of you may know me from either Tuesday or weekend rides. I have taken over the Membership Chair from MaryJoe Schwabe. I like most or many of you have had a life long interest in cycling. I enjoy both day rides or longer bicycle tours either supported or non-supported. I have done three non-supported tours to Europe and have been doing non-supported tours most of my life here and around the country.

These days I prefer doing club rides and supported tours like the Northwood's tour which is well represented by BVBC

I have already picked up our discount coupons so when you renew your membership you will be able to continue to get cost discounts at local area Bike Stores. We have already started to plan for this year's rides and look forward to seeing my fellow club members out there on the road.

For those of you that renew before the expiration day of our 2013 season I will try to have your cards available at upcoming meetings even if I am unavailable.

If you have any questions I can be reached at (membership-info@bayviewbikeclub.org)

Looking forward to some warm weather and a great 2014 riding season

Bill

In Memory of Russ Mathers

By Linda Roessl

I recently attended a funeral for a long time BVBC member, “Charlie/ Russ” Mathers. Russ died from complications of pancreatic cancer. Russ survived lung cancer and a heart attack but he choose no treatment when the cancer reoccurred.

Russ was a gentleman who was full of life and always cheerful. About 10 years ago, Russ was a faithful rider when BVBC hosted the Retires and Wannabes rides every Wednesday morning, June through August. The past few years Russ did not ride his red Cannondale much. He remained a dedicated volunteer; at the club booth at the Wheel & Sprocket Expo and a rest stop at the Lake Country Classic. Russ also attended the membership meeting regularly sitting in the second row.

I spoke with his wife, Marlyn. She said, “Charlie loved the Bay View Bike club.” His wife was grateful for the card sent from the membership and my presences at the visitation. Russ will be greatly missed.

Recording Secretary

Hi everyone! My name is Susan Thaller and I am the new recording secretary. I have been riding with the BVBC for years only recently becoming more involved in club activities. I plan to post the minutes for all general membership meetings in the club newsletter the following month. I look forward to riding with you all this spring!

Ride Chair

Holy “Map my Ride Batman!” this ride chair job is a lot of work! It is also a great deal of fun. I am having a blast working with our board members and I am looking forward to a great year of riding with all of you. Let’s have fun out there!

There are already lots of challenges that will require some changes—more on that later, but my main goal this year is to learn this job and not screw it up. Previous ride chair, Kent Kelly, set a very high standard. Kent has been extremely helpful and generous with his time tutoring me on the various

tasks and tools. (He might have been better off just keeping the ride chair job). I feel like the sorcerer's apprentice.

Very few of us are aware of the significant contributions Kent has made to support the ride chair position that will benefit the club for years to come. It wasn't until I rolled up my sleeves and really got into this that I gained an appreciation for all the work Kent put into not just maintaining the cue sheets and maps, but also in developing a ride chair application and data base. I suspect that our web master Ron Santoro also made significant contributions to making that application a reality. So when you see Kent and Ron on a ride this year, take a moment to thank them for their service to the club.

Kudos to Scott Siebers and Mike Dix who rode the Polar Bear ride in the snow storm on New Year's Day! Mike Smiley where were you?! Mike Dix, you are now officially part of the group of club members that come to mind when I think "Who would be crazy enough to do this?"

The **annual ride schedule** is now available on the club website. Please remember this schedule is always subject to change. Always. Always consult the current ride schedule on the BVBC website for up to date information.

Here are some of the changes and highlights of this year's schedule.

First we have added a brand new ride! **Big Foot Prairie**. This will start in my hometown of Walworth. We will ride through the Delavan Lake area before traversing the Big Foot Prairie. We go from rolling hills to billiard table flat and back to rolling hills. A rest stop in Sharon WI, home of the Round of Manure Tour, where there is a nice village park and an old fashioned ice cream shop. Walworth is about 50 minutes from the zoo, and to reward you for the long drive it is scheduled on the Saturday of the village's annual Corn and Brat festival and side walk sale in the town square. They serve, well corn and brats.....and beer! Hopefully this will help make up for missing the **Holland Festival**.

WHAT????? Yeah. As you probably know by now, we had to move the date for the BVBC Classic and the best of several less than perfect choices was the same Saturday as the Holland Festival. We did however, keep the **Holland Festival** ride on the calendar—it is a pretty ride and you can stop in Kohler Andrea State park and have lunch on the sand dunes on the Lake Michigan shore. You can still stop in Cedar Grove, although I don't know what you would do there.

La Grange Whitewater and **La Grange Southern Kettle**. General store lunch lovers will be pleased that both the La Grange routes are on the schedule twice this year!! I am working on stealing some routes from the General Store website and developing a new route that will begin and end at the store. We will call it the **Fajita Pita** because it sounds cool, and because it's Rich's favorite sandwich.

Chuck's Lunch Ride. We are renaming the ride **Fiddlesticks**. Most people now are going to Fiddleheads after the ride for tofu and alfalfa sprouts. (Actually I had a sandwich with enough cheese and sausage on it to make a cow wince. Good coffee too.) Last year some riders automatically went to Chuck's after the ride expecting to meet the group only no one else showed up. Sorry Mark! So rather than rename the ride after the new restaurant, we decided to name it after Mark's reaction when he showed up at Chuck's and no one was there-- "Fiddlesticks!" We might have cleaned that up a little bit.

The **Pantheon Ride** has been scheduled not only for St Paddy's Day but also again in early April when the weather should be better. I have made arrangements with Mother Nature that there will be no snow in April. (I tried for March too but no go). **Holy Moly Hills** is scheduled in the spring (May 24) to avoid the hazardous wet leaves on the road in autumn. We have also scheduled **Two Trails West** on the same day for those who do not like the hilly ride.

Road Construction. Main Street in Dousman will undergo major reconstruction this summer. I will be changing all the routes that start in or go through Dousman to avoid Main Street. More on that in coming newsletters. Changes will also be noted in the current ride schedule as well so keep checking with the website. With that in mind, **PLEASE LET ME KNOW ABOUT ANY ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

PROJECTS you are aware of that might impact one of our routes so we can reroute as needed.

There are six picnic rides on the calendar: Tom's (Sericati) Picnic ride, Tierney's, Sam's Fall Color Ride, and the Fall Harvest Ride (Tom Perkins). Some of these dates are tentative. (Always consult the current ride schedule blah blah blah.....) BVBC is hosting this year's Coalition Picnic at Heg Park, and the Past President's Ride will be at Greenfield Park.

I welcome your feedback and suggestions. Keep it clean and be gentle and I will do the same.

Kent had his own signature sign off: "It's not a ride until ridden." I am still working on mine and will be experimenting for a while.....so remember.....

The ride schedule is not final until November! Hmmm.....

And let's have fun out there!

Joe

Last Month's Meeting Minutes

2/8/14 Board Meeting Bayview Bike Club

Present: Susan Thaller, Linda Roessl, Andy Sikorski, Tom McAvoy, Bill Dames, Rich Temple, Joe Fischer, Ron Santoro and Debra Tuckwood

Follow-up

Ron presented templates for new business cards.

Linda and Bob K. inventoried Beulah Brinton. Linda reported back regarding large amount of utensils, drink mix, etc, in stock. We will not purchase new supplies for the classic until it is determined that similar items are not in storage.

Joe and Kent are updating classic maps to reflect changes made for 2014.

Ron is investigating process of online membership registration. Linda will contact US Bank to determine how online payment can be handled.

New Business

Social chair: Ex Fabula outing was a success. New suggestions for outing include a summer evening meet-up at the Estabrook Beer Garden and ride on the east side bike trail.

Vice President: Bike Wisconsin will present at February meeting.

President : we have received the following e-mails...

-Victor Sudo, a social worker for the VA spinal cord disorders clinic, has asked for volunteers to ride with veterans on the Hank Aaron trail at an event this summer.

-There is a bicycle swap meet at Delafield Cushing School March 15, 2014.

-Domestic Violence Prevention Program, the Alma Center is recruiting team members for the Ragbrow. The above notices will be read at the next general membership meeting.

Ride Chair: Alternate start location for all 2014 rides that previously left from downtown Dousman will be the Middle School (Kettle Moraine Middle School).

-Sweet Heart Ride is Saturday 12/15/14. Route is currently snowy, poorly plowed in areas. Linda is ride leader. She will cancel ride if weather indicates.

-Draft of annual ride schedule to be released at February meeting. Disclaimer will specify that this is a draft only.

Classic

-Ron submitted add to bike fed

-Scott submitted T-shirt design with color options.

-Joe and Kent are completing 2014 route maps
-Andy will check with municipalities regarding construction projects this summer
We are in a holding pattern until we can confirm reservations for Palmyra, summit and the church

Next meeting: 3/5/14 7pm at Joe Fischer's Condo

Ride Leader Responsibilities

Being a ride leader is lots of fun and earns you additional rider points. Just remember:

- Be on time, or preferably, a little early.
- Be sure all riders sign the waiver sheet. Have them indicate the number of miles they intend to ride.
- Provide and distribute the ride route map to all riders.
- Pack and carry a First Aid Kit. If you don't have a kit or need additional supplies, please contact the Ride Chair. Render assistance as needed and as you are able. In case of an accident involving more serious injury or property damage, fill out the enclosed incident report when time permits. This will allow a claim to be submitted to our insurer.
- At rest and lunch stops, do a check to make sure all riders are accounted for. At the end of the ride, again double-check on riders to make sure everyone made it back.
- Have fun!

After the ride, return the waiver sheet (and ride package) to the Ride Chair so that everyone can qualify for rider points and to satisfy our insurance requirements.

Make notes after the ride (where to eat afterwards, where to park, any problems with the route (places people got lost, incorrect mileage, bad corners, etc.)) for the next ride leader and turn in to the Ride Chair.

Article

BVBC Finances

By Linda Roessl

As treasurer of the Bay View Bicycle Club (BVBC) Inc., I oversee the income and expenses of the club. Membership dues are the club's fundamental income. Payment in spring and a greater number of members helps us thrive. Membership dues fund the picnic rides, where meat, buns, beverages, utensils and reservation fees are provided. When a member hosts a picnic ride, they are refunded for the applicable items they purchase for the event. Dues also pay for printing cue sheets, maps, applications, membership cards; all are integral items needed for operation of BVBC. Our wonderful members contribute to the success of this club. If you enjoy the routes, the camaraderie of our picnics and our longevity, encourage fellow riders to consider joining BVBC.

Bay View Bicycle Club

Final Rider Points for 2013

October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013

All Rides Entered For These Dates

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| Soriano, Joseph | 2,817 |
| Schmidt, Jeff..... | 2,215 |
| Roessl, Linda..... | 2,175 |
| Santoro, Ron | 1,979 |
| Tuckwood, Debra | 1,909 |
| Mowery, Dean..... | 1,866 |
| Sikorski, Andy..... | 1,777 |
| Fischer, Joe..... | 1,636 |
| Siebers, Scott..... | 1,535 |
| Temple, Rich..... | 1,346 |
| Fishman, Steve | 1,119 |
| Ziegler, Joel | 1,109 |
| Borchardt, Jeff..... | 1,088 |
| Ziegler, Suzanne | 1,055 |
| Klein, Robert..... | 1,025 |
| Thaller, Susan | 1,006 |
| Schwabe, MaryJo | 974 |
| Beachkofski, Clare | 967 |
| Dix, Michael..... | 892 |
| Rutkowski, Ron..... | 850 |
| Perkins, Tom..... | 831 |
| Paulson, Don | 804 |
| Dames, William | 795 |
| Smiley, Michael | 793 |
| Litzenberg, Jill..... | 780 |
| Wojtal, Norm..... | 760 |
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