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March Meeting

Beulah Brinton Community Center

2555 S Bay St

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Monday, March 17, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Eric and Kathy Schramm-Owners of Bike Wisconsin

The Prez sez

Well...This has been an interesting winter to say the least. Winter is not what I would call my favorite time of year, but thanks to friends who had a little more...enthusiasm... for the snow and cold, it was bearable.

That being said, I cannot wait to get back to riding my bike. Riding is my reward for putting up with all the things I HAVE to do. After being *responsible* all week long, I get to take some time for myself and slow down and actually see what this part of Wisconsin has to offer. Finding new parks or rediscovering ones I knew were there but never took the time to explore, is great fun. Finding out where those back roads lead to is an adventure, and even getting lost can be fun if you're with the right people. So, get your bikes ready, warmer weather is on the way!!

I hope you can join us at this month's meeting, where we will go over this year's tentative ride schedule, talk about volunteer opportunities at the bike expo and this year's **Lake Country Classic** (hint, hint) and hear from Eric and Kathy Schramm about the GRABAAWR, SAGBRAW, and Bike Northwoods tours.

See you on a ride,

Rich

The Veep Speaks

Hi folks. Bike getting tune up, anxious to hit the road. Hope to see you March 17 meeting, and hey ladies and lassies maybe wear some green.
Tom

Social Events

Well the Wheel & Sprocket Expo is coming soon and I am first now coming out of shock about the wonderful outpouring of volunteers that came forward to help man our booth. Within just a few days of the mass emailing by our president Rich Temple , the shifts were all taken accept for just one on Sunday.

We have a new and more colorful banner to use for the booth and we will again be touting the Lake Country Classic as our event to tell show visitors.

As was mentioned in the mass email, this year will be for the most part a three day show instead of the usual four days with the exception of a “by invite” preview which will occur on Thursday . As club members we will be able to attend the preview and details about the preview will be communicated in the near future.

So even if you are not able to help with the booth mark your calendars for April 4th to April 6th to visit this show where you will see the latest products from bicycle vendors or see the hundreds of new bikes on display. **And admission is free.**

Goto the link below for more details-

<http://www.travelwisconsin.com/events/biking/wheel-sprocket-bike-expo-40184>

Valentine's Day Ride 2014

By Linda Roessl

Saturday, February 15th five hardy riders and two observers attended the Valentine's Day ride. It was sunny and cold but not brutal. The snow fall from the previous day caused a route change but we put 10 miles on our saddles. Lance and Joe wore shorts, over their warm pants to get Pat, Andy and myself in the mood for warm riding weather. Since the FIXX coffee shop went out of business the original Urban Fixx route will have to be altered for the upcoming ride season.

The next ride is St Pat's day ride held March 15th. I hope the weather is more accommodating.

Social Chair

Fellow BVBC members, it is my pleasure to introduce myself as your Social Chair. This year will be my fourth season as a member of the club, and I am excited for the opportunity to get even more involved as a new member of the Board.

First and foremost, BVBC is about the riding. I have enjoyed cycling since my teens, though for most

of my adult years, I was only a casual rider. In 1999, I decided I needed to get more serious about the sport. I bought my first cyclocomputer, and began to track progress toward my personal goal for the season. Each year since, I've slightly increased my mileage goal, and in 2014, I hope to triple my 1999 total.

Being a part of BVBC has made achieving my riding goals much easier and more enjoyable. Left to my own devices, it's easy to find excuses not to ride. However, knowing that on most weekends, there is a group of friendly, motivated and supportive riders gathering nearby makes it much easier to get myself out the door, and to ride longer distances once I'm in the saddle.

Besides the riding, I've always enjoyed how sociable BVBC members are – both on and off of their bikes. I hope that I can further encourage this camaraderie during my time as the Social Chair. I have lived in the Milwaukee area all of my life, and have ideas for some fun new events that I hope you will enjoy. Whether you are a lover of the arts, a sports fan, or enjoy the rumble and roar of fast machines, I think you'll find something that interests you.

However, your input is strongly encouraged! Both of the events that I have coordinated to date (Jingle Bus and Ex Fabula) were suggested to me by other club members. Whether you have a new idea or would like to see an old favorite included on the calendar, please let me know!

I can be reached at: social@bayviewbikeclub.org.
Andy Sikorski

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.

From the Ride Leader

Hello again everyone,

I mentioned in last month's ramble that there are some routes that will need to be changed due to road construction, especially those that start in or go through Dousman. Main street Dousman is expected to be torn up and impassable by bicycle for most of this season.

The Dousman route is scheduled for April 19. We have moved the starting point from Bicycle Doctor's parking lot to the Kettle Moraine Middle School parking lot. The Middle School is a couple of blocks south and then a couple of blocks of our usual starting point. The route goes past the school. Updated directions to the ride are now included in the current ride schedule available in this newsletter and on the BVBC website. Note there are no bathroom facilities available at the school so please plan accordingly. Believe it or not that is all I have to say this month. (Don't get used to that).

So remember.....it's not a ride until someone gets lost.....(see last month's article for what is going on here).

And let's have fun out there!

Joe

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Rider Points for October 1, 2013 - January 31, 2013

All Rides Entered for These Dates

Roessl, Linda.....	373	Ellington, Pauline	54
Schmidt, Jeff.....	334	Sericati, Tom	52
Siebers, Scott.....	289	Henn, Milton	51
Mowery, Dean.....	258	Sharpless, Philip	50
Fischer, Joe.....	243	Burton, Becky	49
Temple, Rich.....	232	Hogan, Helen.....	44
Soriano, Joseph	227	Gannon, Dan	43
Sikorski, Andy.....	180	Gannon, Sandra	43
Smiley, Michael	175	Shields, Colleen	34
Thaller, Susan	172	Zalewski, Mark	34
Santoro, Ron	157	Ziegler, Megan	34
Litzenberg, Jill.....	154	Craig, Michael	33
Tuckwood, Debra	154	Lalor, Tierney	33
Dix, Michael.....	147	Lewis, Paul.....	33
McChain, Betsy	145	Martinez, Andy.....	33
Ziegler, Suzanne	145	Mitton, Steve	33
Constantine, Darwin	143	Moranski, Erica.....	33
Dames, William	138	Schwabe, John.....	33
Prestine, Jodie.....	131	Wojtal, Norm.....	33
Ziegler, Joel	125	Wojtal, Prati	33
Borchardt, Jeff.....	118	Labinski, Dennis	30
Rutkowski, Ron.....	116	Labinski, Mary	30
Klein, Robert.....	110	McNaughton, Jamison	30
Fishman, Steve	107	Remlinger, George	24
Perkins, Tom.....	106	Gresl, Lois.....	23
Freischmidt, Lance	98	Krueger, Gil	14
Beachkofski, Clare	97	Krueger, Nancy.....	14
Peterson, Pat.....	97	Mitton, Sandy.....	14
Paulson, Don	84	Nelson, Tom	14
McAvoy, Tom	83		
Schwabe, MaryJo	72		
Crown, Ron.....	60		

Schedule

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Ride Schedule for March 15, 2014 - April 20, 2014

All Rides Start at 10am April, May and October and 9am June through September

Mar 15, 2014- Pantheon Ride - 16 miles

Easy ride around Franklin. - Starts at the Pick N Save parking lot (NE CORNER) on Rawson Ave and 76th St.

Apr 4, 2014- Wheel & Sprocket Expo - 50 miles

Volunteer your time at the BVBC booth. - Held at State Fair Park located at 84th and Greenfield.

Apr 5, 2014- Wheel & Sprocket Expo - 50 miles

Volunteer your time at the BVBC booth. - Held at State Fair Park located at 84th and Greenfield.

Apr 6, 2014- Wheel & Sprocket Expo - 50 miles

Volunteer your time at the BVBC booth. - Held at State Fair Park located at 84th and Greenfield.

Apr 12, 2014- Whitnall Park to Greenfield Park - 20 miles

Easy ride following the Oak Leaf trail. - Starts at Whitnall Park Golf Course on 92nd Street just north of Rawson Ave.

Apr 13, 2014- Pantheon Ride - 16 miles

Easy ride around Franklin. - Starts at the Pick N Save parking lot (NE CORNER) on Rawson Ave and 76th St.

Apr 19, 2014- Dousman Ride - 20, 37 miles

Very scenic rural ride around Dousman area with some rolling hills. - Starts at Kettle Moraine Middle School, 301 E Ottawa Ave Dousman. Take I-94 west to WI 67 (Oconomowoc exit), south on WI 67 approximately 4.6 miles, right on Ottawa Ave (CR Z) 1/4 mile, turn left into school parking lot on the left side of street the. There are no restroom facilities at the school. 30 minutes from Zoo.

Apr 20, 2014- Historic Milwaukee Ride - 23 miles

Ride along the Hank Aaron trail, and Veterans Administration grounds. - Ride starts in Lake Park at the Lake Park Bistro parking lot. (Golf course parking lot). Take 7-94 to the Lakefront. Take Lincoln Memorial Drive about 2.5 Miles North. Turn left on Ravine Road. (Narrow Park road). Turn Left at the top of the hill to the parking lot OR turn right and park on the road near picnic area 5.