

# Pedal Power

## Bay View Bicycle Club (BVBC) Newsletter

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## October Meeting

Beulah Brinton Community Center

2555 S Bay St

Bay View

Monday, October 20, 2014, 6:45 pm

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Speaker: No Speaker, End of the Season Banquet

Well, it's that time of year again, one weekend you're riding in shorts and your favorite jersey, the next you're in base layers, thermal tights, jackets, shoe covers, and gloves. You have to love Fall in Wisconsin.

For those hardy souls willing to brave the elements, we still have five rides after the club banquet to enjoy. Harrington Beach (don't forget your swim suits), Grant Park, the G-Town Roll are all coming up at the end of October and beginning of November. But hold on, I said five rides were left. Don't forget about Debra's Halloween Ride on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Now, Debra tells me you don't haaaave to come in costume, but if you do, you will be eligible for some super-duper prizes from the BVBC prize vault. And finally, to end this year's schedule, join us for the Too Much Turkey Ride on November 29th, that is, of course, if you're not still in a turkey coma.

Remember, the October membership meeting is also our end of the year banquet. Food will be served, pictures will be seen, awards will be given, and a great time will be had by all. So be sure to join us. The club is also looking for a new treasurer as Linda has decided to step down after this season. This would be a great opportunity for someone to get more involved in the club and learn what goes on behind the scenes to keep the club running. I won't go into all the details in this article, but if you think you might be interested in this position (or know someone you think would be interested), talk to a board member when you see them and we can explain what is involved in the position.

Since many of you have asked about next year's Classic, as of now, no one has volunteered for the Classic chair position. Without this position being filled, there can be no Classic next year.

Since I don't want to end on a down note, the members of the

BVBC board, along with other club members have begun to look into other club activities for next year. Some ideas have included camping rides, day trips to other areas to ride, and/or organizing groups of BVBC members to do other local rides or tours. If you have any ideas for club activities, whether they are related to cycling or not, talk to a board member and we'll see what we can do.  
See you on a ride,  
Rich

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## Membership Notes

We currently have 132 members in the club. Please welcome our one new member: Ted Gast. Any renewals or new memberships received since Oct. 1 will be applied to next year's membership. If it is convenient for you to renew this fall or winter, please feel free to do so. I will have new membership cards available at the October member banquet for anyone who wants to renew early. See you on a ride!

Mike, Membership Chair

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## Halloween Ride



Have you got your costume ready for the Halloween Ride? Join us on Sunday October 26, 2014. 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.

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## On the Road Again

It's the last newsletter of the BVBC year, so to wrap up it seems appropriate to do a year in review. Cue the Auld Lang Syne music....anda onea ...anda twoa..... (Don't try to tell me you are not old enough to remember that).

After a great start to the year, our ridership was down a little this year compared to last. I have included the statistics in this newsletter. Last year we averaged 15.42 riders per ride. Overall we averaged 14.25 riders per ride. Last year it was 15.42. Our overall average from 2006 through 2014 is 14.5. Tuesday morning rides are included in the numbers.

Care to guess how many total miles our members rode collectively on club rides this year? Come to the annual meeting and banquet and be the closet to the total and to win a fabulous prize!

Hey! Where are the final rider points? Gotta come to the annual banquet for that one too.

While total riders were down this year, we did set some records. Notably--most riders on a ride. The old record was 40 but this year we topped that—twice! Both the Coalition Picnic and the Past Presidents picnic had 42 riders—our new all-time high. We also set all-time highs for nine other rides! I can't help but noticing that four of these were picnic rides. Hmmmmmmmm. (See chart)

I also want to thank everyone who was a ride leader this year; a separate list has been included in the newsletter.

**Seen on a recent ride.** On Saturday October 4 we road South Shore to Gorney Park. The ride started at 10 so we had time to peruse the South Shore Farmers Market ahead of time. The market was still going strong! The good news was you could buy fresh produce and frozen meat products before the ride, stash them in your car and after the ride they were still frozen! The bad news was that you could buy frozen meat products stash them in your car and after the ride they were still frozen. And those of us who did ride were pretty frozen too. So we fixed that problem with some hot coffee and good food at Sven's in Bay View after the ride. Good stuff.

Overall I think we had pretty good weather for our rides this year. Two Tuesday morning rides got rained out, we had some rain for our Past President's ride from Greenfield Park but not enough to stop a great picnic, and one of our River Hills rides was down right soggy. None of our weekend rides had to be canceled. We had a couple of very windy rides early in the season as usual, but no “Death Valley Days” temperatures this summer.

I had a great time as your Ride Chair this year and I am looking forward to next year. I apologize for some really screwy cue sheet mistakes. Glad you all found your way back to the parking lots (eventually). Those mistakes have all been corrected. So we can start fresh with a whole new set of cue sheet mistakes next year! This year we had to change nine of our routes (not counting the Classic routes) due to road construction. I am hoping that is and remains an all-time high.

As always if you have any ideas for next year's rides please let me know. As we speak Andy has at least one and maybe two new rides for next year. The Bugline Trail paving project was completed this fall so we will be adding that route back into our schedule—probably in the spring.

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**Bay View Bicycle Club**  
Routes with Record Number of Riders in 2014

<b>Route</b>	<b>Riders</b>	<b>Date</b>
Coalition Picnic	42	8/3/2014
Past Presidents Day Ride	42	6/21/2014
Gils Ride to Rome	39	5/31/2014
Brown Deer to Cedarburg	33	5/10/2014
Sam's Fall Color Ride	30	10/13/2013
River Hills/Grafton	28	6/7/2014
Gorney Park	27	5/3/2014
Toms Picnic Ride	22	5/18/2014
LaGrange - Whitewater	20	9/6/2014
Urban FIXX	20	7/6/2014
Parkside	16	6/14/2014

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**Ride Leader Counts for October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014**

Schmidt, Jeff.....	23
Roessl, Linda.....	12
Knepper, Dick.....	8
Fischer, Joe.....	7
Sikorski, Andy.....	7
Thaller, Susan.....	6
Siebers, Scott.....	4
Tuckwood, Debra.....	4
Burton, Becky.....	2
Kelly, Kent.....	2
Klein, Robert.....	2
Litzenberg, Jill.....	2
Mowery, Dean.....	2
Rosenberg, Diane.....	2
Sericati, Tom.....	2
Soriano, Joseph.....	2
Temple, Rich.....	2
Beachkofski, Clare.....	1
Dix, Michael.....	1

Fishman, Steve .....	1
Freischmidt, Lance .....	1
Gannon, Dan .....	1
Gannon, Sandra .....	1
Lalor, Tierney .....	1
Perkins, Tom.....	1
Smiley, Michael .....	1
Templin, Tod .....	1
White, Becky .....	1
Wojtal, Prati .....	1

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### Bay View Bicycle Club

#### Ride Statistics for October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013

Rides Scheduled .....	102
Rides Ridden .....	98
Rides Canceled .....	0
Rides Not Entered .....	4
Total Riders .....	1511
Members.....	121
Non-Members.....	122
Average per Ride (rounded) .....	15

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#### Ride Statistics for October 1, 2013 - September 30, 2014

Rides Scheduled .....	102
Rides Ridden .....	99
Rides Canceled .....	0
Rides Not Entered .....	3
Total Riders .....	1411
Members.....	119
Non-Members.....	185
Average per Ride (rounded) .....	14

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## Article

### **Patron Saint of Bicycling: Madonna del Ghisallo**

Medieval legend says that Count Ghisallo was travelling near the village of Magrèglio when he was attacked by highway bandits. Spotting a image of the Virgin Mary in a roadside shrine, he broke away from his attackers and ran to it. There he took refuge, pled for Our Lady's protection - and was miraculously saved from the robbers.

As the story spread, the Madonna del Ghisallo became known as patroness of local travelers. In more recent times, cyclists would often stop to rest and pray at the chapel, which is a local landmark, and is at the top of a steep hill. After World War II, Father Ermelindo Vigano, pastor at the shrine, proposed Ghisallo as the site of an Italian shrine for bicyclists, and she was given as patroness of cyclists on 13 October 1949 by Pope Pius XII. The chapel has become equal part religious shrine, part cycling museum, with artifacts and photos from the sport. There is an eternal flame that burns there in memory of the cyclists of are no longer with us, and services each Christmas Eve and the Feast of All Souls commemorate them.

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RIDERS POINTS

FIND OUT AT THE BANQUET OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:45 P.M.

