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Celebrating Eighteen Years of Fun!

The Prez Sez

The Best There Is!

That's us. Yep, I've deemed the Bay View Bike Club as the best there is. What's that you say? How did I come to heap such praiseworthy words on our entire Membership?

Well, first of all, our Board and Standing Committee have some of the most skilled and dedicated volunteers around. They're absolute wizards at coordinating Club activities and functions for our Members.

Second, the Bay View Bike Club provides for a friendly atmosphere, both at the Membership meetings and at the Club rides. Furthermore, the Club does not discriminate against anyone, or of any level or degree of bicycling. Members are welcome – nay, encouraged! – to bring a guest to those monthly social activities our Social Chairperson plans. Plus, families can bring their children to participate in the Club rides and all of its activities.

Also, our regularly scheduled monthly meetings at the Buelah Brinton Community Center (Bay View) are enlivened by a designated speaker, recruited to add flavor to bicycling topics and interests. In addition, the Club provides refreshments and a raffle drawing at its meetings!

Other goodies:

As a member, you receive a monthly issue of the Club's professionally published and edited "Pedal Power" newsletter, with bicycling issues and articles relating to our own lives.

Use your membership card for discount prices when patronizing Club sponsors.

Plus, you'll get to attend the membership banquet where we reward all those members whose hard effort and work are recognized for

making the Bay View Bike Club the best there is!

We're a not-for-profit organization that supports and contributes to other charitable causes. It's our aim to give back to the community. Be a part of it!

Speaking of which...

The annual BVBC Classic Ride-in Oconomowoc (July 8th) will feature a newly designed full century route for its second year, along with the established Lake Country routes of 15, 25, 45 and 65 miles. The rave reviews from the participants are due to the efforts of our Classic committee chairperson and its volunteers, without whom the business donations and sponsorships would not support this event. Thank you!

We appreciate those who continue to support our Club and its functions. Keep those suggestions coming; all of the board members are open and approachable, whatever the topic. Perhaps you want to be a bigger part of the Club and fulfill that inner calling to assist with its functions and activities. The Board accepts all those who wish to do more with their life and with the Club. So here's another Big Thanks! to those who continue to be a part of this Club.

And if ever you decide to leave the Club, please continue to keep yourself and your bicycle healthy and in tune. Let us know if there's anything we could do to improve for the future. Happy trails to you.

The Club doesn't claim to be perfect, just the Best! If you're not one of us, then you're missing out on a lot of fun and excitement, not to mention meeting people with a common goal. But, let me warn you, a sense of humor is a prerequisite! So thrash out those negative thoughts and feelings and replenish them

positive acts of motivation. Let's all work in unison to continue to be the Best there is!

I end this month's edition of the Prez Sez with some recognizable and famous quotes:

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."--Vince Lombardi

"When we all work together, we all win together."

"You can succeed best and quickest helping others to succeed."

"Teamwork is fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

"Getting together is a start, remaining together is advancement and working together is an achievement."

"It is the ability to work together which determines success."

"Giving a hand makes all the difference."

"Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."--Henry Ford

Respectfully,

Jimmy Mamayek,

Aka; 'jimmysnot'

BVBC Prez, 414.764.3676

PS: Kindly mail your donation amount in support of our Club Classic Ride to:

Bay View Bicycle Club, Inc., P.O. Box 070455, Milwaukee, WI. 53207



BVBC Social Activity for the month of May: Bowling Night at Land Mark Lanes, located at 2220 North Farwell Avenue on May 19, (Friday) at 6:00 p.m. You don't need to be a serious bowler to enjoy this gathering. Come and enjoy an evening with friends. For reservation contact either Jimmy at grenbett@execpc.com or Jojo Orosa at (414) 940-2717 or oscjoro@hotmail.com. See you there!!!

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Club Meetings

Club meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the Beulah Brinton Center. 2555 S. Bay St. All are welcome!

For up-to-the-minute information about rides, special events, and meetings

BVBC Hotline ■ ■ ■ ■ 299-0317

Hotline Manager: Phil Fellner:
fatdogbikes@yahoo.com

Member Meeting Minutes

4/17/06

By Heidi Aponte

Member Meeting started at 7pm

Kate Collins from the Lake Express gave a Sales Presentation. On 4/29/06 they will start their service again and they will have 3 crossings a day. The fare for the Tulip Festival is \$85 Round Trip. BVBC Members get 15% discount any time in 2006.

Meeting resumes.

The March meeting minutes were approved and seconded.

Marshals for the Miller Lite Ride needed. Steve Halmo will speak. Email Jimmy M. with your T-Shirt Size and the miles you want to ride. Volunteers are needed for the Classic Ride for:

- Ride Marking
- Putting signs up on the of the Ride
- Sag Drivers
- Promotions

On Line Registration is up and running now.

Please take Classic Ride Sign up Sheets to Bike Shops.

There is an Open House on 5/22/06 at the Beulah Brinton Center.

7/29/06 Parade in South Milwaukee at 11:00 is 1 mile. Contact Tom Sericatti if you're interested in participating.

Social Event for April:

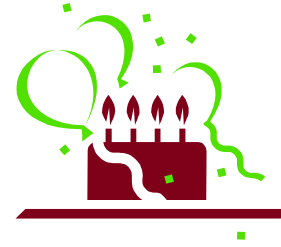
All you can eat Fish Fry Night coming Friday 4/21/06 at 5-6 pm at Serb Hall.

We have 77 members in the Club.

Ride Leaders are always needed. Contact Kent Kelly.

Report on Wheels @ Sprocket Booth was given. No numbers are available for members or Classic Ride sign ups. The Power Point Presentation was very good.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Name	BirthDate
Jeff Schmidt	June 6
Diane Nowak	June 18
Gilbert Krueger	June 21
Robert R Jonas	June 24
Bob Bivens	June 27
Ellen Michalets	June 28
June Wiken	June 30

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Pauline Ellington

Memberships expired on March 31, 2006. Our current paid membership is 94. However, there are 50 members who have not renewed yet. PLEASE, send in your renewal as soon as possible. I have postponed printing the Member Roster because there are so many who have not renewed yet.

If you haven't renewed because we have failed to meet your needs, please let us know how we can improve the Club to meet your expectations.

We have several new members – Please welcome them!!

Gary Radtke
Joe Safranski
Dennis Meilicke
Carol Tumey
Jay Payne
Monica Downs

Ride Chair, Ride

By Kent Kelly

Important reminder: beginning in June our rides start at 9:00 am. Please plan accordingly.

A couple of notes here (and I hope this soapbox doesn't get too high).

A worthwhile procedure to follow when you get to the ride gathering spot is to:

- Find the ride leader; sign in and get a cue sheet.
- Unload your bike and get your gear assembled.
- Visit.
- Be ready to ride at the starting time.

Probably most of you have heard about the bicyclists who were ticketed for various offenses a couple of weeks back. The police spokesperson characterized that club/organization as "scofflaws" for, among other things, blocking traffic. When we ride, we do need to be aware of which lane we are in especially if it is a right-turn only lane. We don't want to block any traffic turning right by sitting bunched up in their lane while waiting for a light change (unless, of course, we are turning right). It is easy to lose track of lanes while riding in a group since we tend to stay to the right anyway. However, a little awareness will keep us from being branded "scofflaws."

Remember, in June we start our rides at 9:00 am, AND, we can always use ride leaders. I'll have the sign-up sheets at the meetings and at rides. See you then.

Contact me, Kent Kelly:

1. At our monthly meeting.
2. By e-mail: knkelly@wi.rr.com (please include BVBC in the subject line)
3. By phone: 414.423.0236 (home - you can leave a message)
4. On a ride

Thanks.

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Ride Schedule May and June

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

Saturday, May 13, 2006

South Hills. Easy ride from South Hill golf course in Racine. Long route goes west towards Burlington and Eagle Lake. Short route east to Franksville. Ride Distance 23, 35 or 52 miles. Starts at South Hills Golf Course. Take I-94 south to County K, exit on K, take east frontage road 1.5 miles south to golf course. Approx drive time: 25 minutes from Zoo.

Sunday, May 14, 2006

Cedarburg. Very scenic ride through rural area north of Cedarburg. Ride Distance 25, 31 or 43 miles. Starts at Centennial Park. Take I-43 north to County C (exit 89), west on C to Wauwatosa Rd (181), right on Wauwatosa Rd to Bridge St. Right on Bridge St. to Evergreen Blvd, left on Evergreen Blvd approximately three blocks. Street parking or Pool/Waterpark lot.

Saturday, May 20, 2006

Past President's Day Ride. Easy ride with a few rolling hills on rural roads thru scenic farmland in NE Racine Co. Club members only, bring a dish to pass. Call Jimmy the Prez to RSVP Ride Distance 25 miles. Starts at Gorney Park in Caledonia. Take I-94 south, exit at Ryan Rd. Go left, east 1.5 miles to Nicholson Rd. Turn right, going south for 1.5 miles to park on the left. Approximate drive

Sunday, May 21, 2006

Chocolate City Bike Ride. Annual fund raiser for Burlington Kiwanis Club (registration required). Ride Distance 19, 33 or 62 miles. Starts at Bob's Pedal Pusher - 466 S. Pine St. (HWY 83) Burlington WI. Take I-43 to South to 164 South to HWY 36/83 South to Hwy 83 (Pine St.). Online registration www.signmeup.com/24841 or call (262) 763-7794.

Saturday, May 27, 2006

Oconomowoc-Eagle. Rural ride going south from Oconomowoc, through Dousman and Eagle. Longer route has some hilly areas. Ride Distance 25 or 42 miles. Starts at Roosevelt Park. Take I-94 west to WI 16. Take WI 16 into Downtown Oconomowoc (16 becomes Wisconsin Ave). Turn left on Main Street. Go 0.7mi. to Forest St. Turn right on Forest St. into park. Approximate drive time: 30 minutes

Sunday, May 28, 2006

Charlie's Memorial Ride. New routes! Scenic ride through Hales Corners, Muskego, Big Bend and Mukwonago. Passes near Charlie's gravesite. Long route has numerous hills. Ride Distance 24 or 46 miles. Starts at Hales Corners Park. Take I-43/894 to Forest Home Ave., south west on Forest Home (WI 24) to Janesville Rd. (WI 24), west on Janesville to 116th St. North on 116th St. Left on New Berlin Rd. to parking lot on left.

Monday, May 29, 2006

Oakwood to Oakleaf. Easy ride following the Oak Leaf trail and loops back through Oak Creek. Ride Distance 25 miles. Starts at Grant Park Golf Course. Take Lake Drive south to Hawthorne Ave. East on Hawthorne to Club House.

Saturday, June 03, 2006

Trek 100. Annual fund raiser (preregistration required). Ride Distance 25, 62 or 100 miles. Starts at WCTC in Pewaukee. Take I-94 west, right on WI 16. Exit at WCTC/Main St. Turn left across bridge, go straight in to WCTC parking lot. Approximate drive time: 15 minutes from Zoo. Register online @ www.maccfund.org (800) 248-TREK.

Sunday, June 04, 2006

Miller Lite Ride for the Arts. 50 and 75 mile routes. Annual fund raiser for the Arts. Sign-up with the BVBC to be a ride marshall. Ride

Distance 5, 15 or 25 miles. Starts at the Center for Performing Arts in downtown Milwaukee. See brochure for details.

Saturday, June 10, 2006

Lake Country Ride. Scenic ride through Pewaukee and Oconomowoc area. Ride Distance 33 or 60 miles. Starts at Wagner Park in the City of Pewaukee. Take I-94 west, exit County J. Turn right (north) on J go 1.8 miles to Green Rd(at the top of the hill). Rt on Green Rd. for 0.7 mile to Wagner Park. Park in SE corner of lot. Approximate drive time: 20 minutes from Zoo.

Sunday, June 11, 2006

South Shore to Cliffside. Ride south along Lake Michigan to Cliffside Park, then return inland and back up lake front. Ride Distance 14 or 41 miles. Starts at South Shore Park in Bay View. Take I-94 exit at Becher St. Go east on Becher to E. Bay St... Veer right on E.Bay St.; follow it around to Russell Ave. Turn left on Russell to Superior. Turn right on Superior to Estes St. Turn on left on Estes and right on South Shore Dr. Consult a map for more details.

Saturday, June 17, 2006

Beaver Lake. Old TREK 100 routes. They go around Pewaukee, Beaver, Pine and Nagawicka Lakes. Challenging. Ride Distance 30 or 62 miles. Starts at WCTC in Pewaukee. Take I-94 west, right on WI 16. Exit at WCTC/Main St. Turn left across bridge, go straight in to WCTC parking lot. Approximate drive time: 15 minutes from Zoo.

Sunday, June 18, 2006

Tom's Grant Park Picnic Ride. Club members only, bring a dish to pass, Call to RSVP. Easy ride through Oak Creek Pkwy, south to Caledonia and back. Ride Distance 13 or 28 miles. RSVP to Tom @ (414) 764-0091 by Friday, June 16, 2006 to get directions to his home.

Saturday, June 24, 2006

Parkside. Easy ride through Kenosha County. Ride Distance 29 or 50 miles. Starts near Petrified Springs Park in Kenosha. Take I-94 south, exit at County E (Kenosha), east on County E approximately 5 miles to Hwy 31, left on Hwy 31 for 0.3 miles, right on JR for 0.6 miles to parking lot on the left, just outside of Petrified Springs Park.

Sunday, June 25, 2006

Riveredge River Valley Ride. Annual fund raiser (registration required). Ride Distance 16, 30 or 50 miles. Starts in Newburg, WI. See brochure for details or On Line registration @ www.riveredge.us (800)-287-8098.

Sunday, June 25, 2006

Menomonee River Century. Annual fund raiser (registration required). Ride Distance 25, 50 or 75 miles. Starts in Marinette, WI. See brochure for details. www.mrcride.com (800) 447-5673.

Saturday, July 01, 2006

Chuck's Breakfast Ride. Easy ride through River Hills and Mequon. Stop at Chuck's for breakfast afterwards at 406 N. Main St. Ride Distance 34 miles. Starts at Village Park in Thiensville. Take I-43 north to Mequon Rd. West on Mequon Rd (approximately 3 miles). Right on N. Cedarburg Rd/Main St. (approximately 1/2 mile). Right on Green Bay approximately 1 block, right on Elm to Village Park.

Sunday, July 02, 2006

BVBC Classic Preview. BVBC Classic previewed for MEMBERS ONLY!!!! Century and 65 mile starts at 7:00 am; all others at 9:00 am Ride Distance 25, 45 or 65 miles. Starts at St. Paul's School in Oconomowoc. Take I-94 west to WI 67 (Oconomowoc exit). Turn right on 67, go north approximately 2 miles, names changes to Summit continue straight 1.5 miles, turn right on St. Paul to school.

July Pedal Power Deadline



The deadline for the July newsletter is June 12. Articles from any club member are welcome!

Barb Pier

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Lightning

Submitted By Phil Fellner

Did you know that 22 million lightning bolts hit the Earth each year? On average, 73 Americans are killed by lightning annually and hundreds more suffer debilitating injuries. About 10% of lightning victims die, while 70% suffer serious long-term effects that can include brain damage, personality changes, sleep disorders, numbness, dizziness and weakness.

That's all nasty news. And yet as bike riders in the summer thunderstorm season -- perched on a mostly metal object out in the open -- we're susceptible to becoming a lightning statistic.

Here are 5 ways to reduce the risk.

- Obey the National Weather Service's "30/30" rule. When lightning is seen, count the time until thunder is heard. If it's 30 seconds or less, seek shelter immediately. Storms can move at 50 mph. Stay protected for 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder because lightning can occur 10 miles from the storm center.
- Get inside. The safest places are a substantial building or a car with a metal roof.
- Get down. If you're caught in the open, get into a ravine or ditch. If there are none, make yourself small by squatting on the balls of your feet or kneeling with your toes touching the ground. Experts say this posture may prevent lightning from passing through your heart. Get down right now if a thunderstorm is near and you feel your hair stand on end.
- Avoid lone trees and isolated stands of trees. Low bushes are safer shelter.
- Avoid metal objects. This includes fences, guardrails and especially anything tall such as flagpoles and power stanchions. It also includes your bike.

The odds of becoming a lightning victim in the U.S. in any year are 1 in 700,000. The odds of being struck in your lifetime are 1 in 3,000. Improve your safety by doing smart things when bolts are flashing.

(Stats from National Geographic News via Road BikeRider)

Rider points as of 4/30/06

Roessel, Linda	474	Schmidt, Jeff	64
Mamayek, Jim	373	Krueger, Nancy	63
Grendysa, Betty	324	Thompson, Kris	61
Beachkofski, Claire	301	Rann, Phoenix	58
Wojta, Prati	295	Fisher, Harry	57
Wojtal, Norm	277	Thaller, Susan	50
Hepp, Bill	264	Friske, Tim	46
Santoro, Ron	241	Fulton, Amy	46
Krall, Dan	237	Fulton, Bruce	46
Pretzel, Walter	198	Gresl, Lois	46
Polk, Bob	175	Fellner, Phil	45
Poznanski, John	166	Frausto, Patricia	45
Sterr, Mike	160	Wolf, David	44
Kelly, Kent	143	Meilicke, Dennis	43
Simonson, Tom	138	Tumey, Carol	43
Verheyen, Byron	132	Lalor, Tierney	40
Locker, Chris	125	Knepper, Dick	35
Katzfey, David	122	Bendland, Grace	34
Ellington, Pauline	119	Clowers, Arlene	34
Gibbs, Tamara	117	Gannon, Dan	31
Sericati, Thomas	117	Kochen, Chris	26
Schmidt, Sabrina	114	Kuhs, Kelly	25
Peterson, Pat	102	Pier, Barb	25
Margraf, Arlene	98	Pier, Isabella	25
Lucas, Mary	94	Jaelen, Will	24
Peterson, Beth	88	Komassa, Karen	24
Butter, Gary	78	Mathers, Russ	24
Orosa, Jojo	76	Matt, Frank	24
Pendland, Bruce	75	Penn, Jenni	24
Krueger, Gil	73	Cordero, Janice	22
Katzfey, Delvina	71	Hamill, Barbara	20
Karr, Nancy	70	Jaeckel, Randy	15
Fishman, Steve	68	Kisley, F	0
Nelson, Tom	67		
White, Sandra	66		
Demian, Milad	64		
Michales, Ellen	64		

RIDER POINTS FOR CLASSIC RIDE VOLUNTEERS

By a unanimous decision of the Board, rider points will be awarded to BVBC members who volunteer for our 2006 Lake Country Classic Ride. This applies to volunteer work performed before the Ride, as well as on Ride day. It even includes donors of bakery items. Specific point values will be announced at our June meeting. Volunteer work is invaluable and deserves recognition!



Reminder

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