



the Quick Release

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Cycling Aid Station Ribbon Cutting

Harv Koplo has been directing the Springfield Bicycle Club efforts of installing cycle aid stations throughout the Springfield area. He has been coordinating with the Springfield Park District, Springfield Bicycle



Doctor, and a list of sponsors including Springfield Clinic, Bank of Springfield, Sonic, Maldaners, FitClub, Physiotherapy Professionals, Gregory & Leslie Sgro and The Noll Family.

“Implementing these repair stations is just another example of how strong partnerships like the one we have with the Springfield Bicycle Club can enhance our parks and benefit the community. We are also very grateful to the corporate sponsors and private donors who helped make these Cycle Aid Stations a reality.”
– Leslie Sgro, Park Board President

In his brief speech, Harv shared these thoughts:

This Cycle Aid Station, and the 6 or more others that are scheduled to be installed this month, are the result of a tremendous partnership between the Springfield Bicycle Club, the Springfield Park District, and some wonderful community minded businesses and individuals who have chosen to help sponsor this project.

Studies have shown that across the nation, all cities that are vibrant and growing have certain characteristics. Being bicycle friendly, and enjoying many parks and other green space, are two characteristics that no vibrant city is lacking.

This project shows how well we can work together to synergistically achieve our goals.

Other sponsors are being sought for repair stations in Chatham and Rochester, as well as parks around Springfield.

Thanks to each of the sponsors and to all of the SBC members. Your support makes this possible.

A few words from Tom Clark, SBC President . . .



We have an amazing array of activities planned in May to celebrate National Bicycle Month. The Regional Planning Commission is sponsoring the 8th annual **Curb Your Car During Bike to Work Week** May 11-16. Commuters in Springfield and Sangamon County are encouraged to team up with their co-workers to bike, walk, run, or take the bus to work. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams. The **Bike to Work Group Commute** led by **Bill Donels** is May 13. **Chef Michael Higgins** will close out Curb Your Car/Bike to Work Week with a **Night Ride** on Saturday, May 16. See the article elsewhere in this month's QR and www.spfldcycling.org for more information.

As part of making Springfield more bicycle-friendly, SBC is co-sponsoring bicycle repair stations on area bicycle trails, in collaboration with Springfield Park District. Thanks to **Harv Koplo** for developing the project and recruiting the sponsors, and to Park Board President **Leslie Sgro** for supporting this initiative. The first station was unveiled on Earth Day, April 22, at the east trailhead of the Wabash Trail, fully sponsored by **Sonic Drive-in**. SBC is co-sponsoring 5 of the stations with other sponsors (see my last column). More are on the way! Update in June QR.

Thanks to **Barry Tobias** for developing a great May weekend Club Ride schedule! Weekend ride leaders include **Tom Clark, Larry Stone, Les Warden, Ted Sunder, Mike Kokal, Barry Tobias, Naomi & Kevin Greene, Alan Whitaker, Robert LaBonte, Dave Ross, and Harv Koplo. We are seeking monthly weekend ride schedulers for July, August, September, and October.**

Club ride options. Our ABC "Club Rides" are led by a ride leader who provides a map and checks the route prior. Riding groups form naturally during the ride, with members of each riding group encouraged to help others who have breakdowns or other issues. ABC riders should be comfortable reading a map if separated from the group, and handling their own repairs. ***All riders are encouraged to carry a cell phone just in case they are separated from other riders.***

Slower-paced ride options. Those looking for a slower ride where no rider is left behind have several ride options in the May Ride Schedule. Some are slow-paced EZ neighborhood rides, like the May 16 **Night Ride** and May 20 **Ride of Silence**. Many of our ABCD rides start on the bike trails, so D riders can take a shorter trail ride on their own. ***We are seeking to increase the number of led ABCD rides that include a D ride co-leader.*** Our weeknight rides on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday night in May have a D-Ride Co-Leader. Thanks to **John Sanford, Kevin Brown, and Mark Rabin** for volunteering as co-leaders for these rides.

A-Ride options. Our weekend & holiday A-Rides organized by **Lisa Kidd** are intended for extremely strong and competitive riders with expert bike handling skills who maintain speeds of 19+ mph in pace lines. As such, they complement our slower-paced, shorter Club Rides.

See you on the road or trail!



Membership News

by Alan Whitaker, Secretary

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Springfield Bicycle Club:

Cheryl & Jim Davis
David Radwine
Tom and Stacy Reddecliff
Jeffrey Young

I would like to thank the following members for their continued support:

Bryan & Becky England
Ben Fox
Beth & Tim Kinkelaar
Nancy Skube
Joni Stahlman
Terry and Mary Tuttle
Annette Williams & Chuck Zalar

Renewals at the Contributing Level

Sabrina Mancini
Stephen Paca & Kristina Mucinskas
Judy Nesbitt
Jim Disney

Renewal at the Sustaining Level:

Vaughn Morrison & Sherry Knight

Joining or renewing your membership is easy and there's no extra charge for doing it online: go to the "Membership" page on the club website, www.spfldcycling.org.

For those who prefer, a downloadable membership form is also available on the "Membership" page.

Incentive Awards

Stephen Paca, Incentive Chair



RIDE OF THE MONTH Robert LaBonte's ride from Rotary Park to Loami was voted Ride of the Month for March. About 10 other riders joined Robert for a trip into exciting Loami, though no one partook of the usual jar of pickles or ice cream bar at the convenience store. Perhaps they were saving that experience for when they pass through Loami on a hotter day, such as the Burgoo ride in July. Congratulations, Robert, thanks for leading rides!

ALMOST ANYTHING AWARD There were no nominations for the AAA.

RIDE LEADER INCENTIVE DRAWING Marty Celnick's name was drawn from the pool of eligible ride leaders to win the Incentive Drawing for March. Marty will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the local bike shop of his choice. Congratulations, Marty, thanks for being a ride leader!

Any rider or member can nominate rides or leaders for the above recognition. Please send nominations or ride anecdotes to incentive (at) spfldcycling.org



Capital City Biathlon

Saturday

May 23, 2015

7:30 a.m.

Lake Springfield
Beach House

Run 3.1 miles
Bike 15 miles

\$40/individual (\$50 after April 26)

\$75/team (\$85 after April 26)

Packet Pick-Up on Friday May 22nd from 4pm to 7pm at:

BIKETEK - 957 Clocktower Dr., Springfield, IL

The race transfer policy can be found at the website below. Each entrant must sign a waiver at packet pickup. Please make checks payable to:

Capital City Biathlon, Inc.

Mail checks to: BikeTek, 957 Clocktower Dr., Springfield, IL 62704

Register Online at <http://ccbiathlon.com/registration>

www.capitalcitybiathlon.com



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May 2015 Ride Schedule

For updates, corrections and last minute changes to the ride schedule please check the SBC website at www.spfldcycling.org. Unless otherwise indicated, **weekday** daytime rides will not take place on holidays. All rides return to the starting point unless otherwise noted.

Ride Classifications

NC – Non-Cycling events.

MB – Rides suitable for mountain bikes.

EZ – For riders who prefer a pace under 10 mph. These are purely social rides. Expect short routes either in town or on a trail and expect to ride as a single group. No one will be left alone at the back of the group and assistance is provided for flats and other minor mechanical problems.

D – For novice or recreational riders. Expect to ride at a pace of 10 – 12 mph with rest stops as needed. Expect the ride leader or another club member to stay with the slowest rider and to offer assistance for flats and other minor mechanical problems.

C – For competent riders with basic safety and bike handling skills. These rides combine social riding with improving fitness and riding ability. Expect that most riders will ride in groups at a pace of about 12 – 15 mph. There may be rest stops on the route, but they will be limited. Riders are comfortable navigating by map if separated from the group and can handle their own mechanical repairs.

B – For strong, experienced riders with considerable group riding experience. Expect the emphasis to be on improving individual stamina and riding skills. Most riders will maintain a pace of 16 – 18 mph and will not feel obligated to wait for slower riders. Pace lines are common. Riders are able to handle their own mechanical repairs and are comfortable navigating by map if separated from the group.

A – For extremely strong and competitive riders with expert bike handling skills. Expect riders to be self-sufficient and to maintain speeds of 19+ mph for extended distances using pace lines.

If you have questions about whether a specific ride is right for you, give the ride leader a call. If you are unsure about your cycling ability, try a ride with a group one class below where you think you might be. You can then move up until you find the level that is right for you.

Please arrive for rides 10 minutes early. Be sure that your bike is in proper working order before you arrive. All riders are strongly encouraged to obey traffic laws, wear a helmet, carry everything necessary to fix a flat tire, and bring hydration. If the ride leader fails to appear, form a group and go on a ride if you like. Then turn in your miles to the club record keeper (records@spfldcycling.org).

Questions about leading a ride? Contact vp@spfldcycling.org.

SBC Cycling Challenge

The 1st SBC Cycling Challenge of the year was April 26 with over 91 riders participating. The start was at Rochester Station with 3 route options to choose from.

32 riders rode the 24 mile route to Riverton, over 43 rode the 55 mile route to Illiopolis while over 16 rode the 101 mile route.

The weather was sunny and a bit breezy from the NE with the temps in the 50's. A great but cool day. This is the beginning of the 5th year for the SBC Cycling Challenge Series. And what a wonderful way to start than with the largest number of riders yet to participate in the Challenge. A total of 91 riders signed in plus I know that a few didn't sign in. The count at best guess was 100 riders.

The next SBC Cycling Challenge will be June 7th, departing at 8am from Chatham Community Park, offering 3 similar route distances. More info on this at <http://www.spfldcycling.org/index.php/challenge>

Weekday Daytime Rides		Check start times!
Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m.	Morning Geezer Ride Washington Park Pavilion on the South side of the park Pete Gudmundson, 523-8200	Show-N-Go ride for retired geezers or those hoping to become geezers. No leader or map, but Pete shows up often enough for this ride that he should be able to answer questions. Please use ride sheet if riding together. Participating riders should turn in miles to the club records keeper. *Disclaimer: Geezer riders occasionally change the start time due to weather and other considerations. Please call ahead.
Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m.	Daily Pana Trail Ride, Lake Taylorville parking lot, Rt 29 Pat Stephens, 287-7056	Show-N-Go along the Lincoln Heritage Trail. Turn in miles to the records keeper. There is no ride leader, but Pat may be able to answer questions about this ride.
Monday thru Friday 12:15 p.m.	Strike & Spare Durkin & West Lawrence Dave Ross 789-4823	BC — Westside Lunch Ride. We'll hop on the Sangamon Valley Trail or head out into the country.
Weekday Evening Rides		Check start times!
Monday 5:45 p.m.	Sonics Wabash and Park St Marty Celnick, 522-4206 John Sanford, 698-0840	BCD — Leave from the east end of the Wabash trail at 5:45 p.m. Those riding from Parkway Pointe will start a few minutes earlier to allow time to sign in. This popular ride will get you 16 miles from Sonic or 21 miles from Parkway Pointe. Marty will lead the BC riders, while John will lead the D riders at a 10-13 mph pace.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m.	IDOT, Dirksen Pkwy & Ash St Show-N-Go	BCD — Show-N-Go ride on the Lost Bridge Trail for 10-14 miles.
Wednesday 5:45 p.m.	Sangamon Valley Trail South End Parking Lot, Bunker Hill Rd Amy Goldesberry, 714-8762 Kevin Brown, 787-5652	BCD — Ride the trail for 12 or add a low traffic county road to the airport for a total of 15. Amy will lead the BC riders, while Kevin will lead the D riders at a 10-13 mph pace.
Thursday 5:30 p.m.	IDOT Dirksen Pkwy & Ash St Cindy Kvamme, 971-8687 Mark Rabin, 529-7377	BCD — Ride the Lost Bridge Trail for 10-14 miles. Cindy will lead the BC riders, while Mark will lead the D riders at a 10-13 mph pace.
Mon., Tues., Wed., & Th. 6:00 p.m.	Pana Trail, Lake Taylorville parking lot, Rt 29 Charlie Witsman, 299-7038	Show-N-Go — Ride on the Lincoln Heritage Trail. Turn in miles to the club records keeper. Call Charlie if you need information about trail conditions or directions. Lights recommended.
Weekend Daytime Rides		
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Lewis Memorial Park Koke Mill Rd Robert LaBonte, 787-0237	MB – Meet at the pavilion and ride the church trails for an hour or so. This ride will be at an easy pace and is suitable for beginner and intermediate riders. Ride is dependent on trail conditions so call Robert for details. If you don't have a mountain bike, Robert can loan you one if your call ahead.
Saturdays time varies (see Disclaimer)	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Lisa Kidd, 341-6181	Weekend A-Ride. This ride is intended for extremely strong and competitive riders with expert bike handling skills. Expect riders to be self-sufficient and to maintain speeds of 19+ mph for extended distances using pace lines. Riders will agree on a destination and determine a route at the time of the ride. Developmental A-riders are welcome, but they should be self-sufficient and familiar with local roads, or accompanied by an experienced rider. *Disclaimer: Schedule sometimes changes due to weather. Please call ahead.
Sundays time varies (see Disclaimer)	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Lisa Kidd, 341-6181	Weekend A-Ride. See Saturday Weekend A-Ride description. *Disclaimer: Schedule sometimes changes due to weather. Please call ahead.

Scheduled Rides and Events		Check start times!
Saturday May 2 9:00 a.m.	Chatham Community Park 760 S. Main, Chatham Tom Clark, 726-5560	ABCD – Ride with Tom to Virden for 42 miles or take the cutoff at Auburn for 19 miles. D riders can ride the trail but should be self-sufficient.
Sunday May 3 9:00 a.m.	Waldrop Park Sherman Larry Stone, 553-2297	ABC — Larry will lead you on a ride to Elkhart for 28 or on the Athens for 50 miles
Wednesday May 6 7:00 p.m.	Residence 2301 Sangamon Avenue Ken Anderson, 522-3876	NC — Board Meeting. All SBC members are invited to attend the board meeting.
Saturday May 9 9:00 a.m.	Rochester Station Lost Bridge trailhead Les Warden, 299-1118	ABC — Les will take us on a ride for 30 to 50 miles to Edinburg and Roby or on to Mechanicsburg.
Sunday May 10 8:00 a.m. eat 9:00 a.m. ride	Knights of Columbus Meadowbrook & Iles Ted Sunder, 698-9194	ABCD — Breakfast Ride. Enjoy the Breakfast Buffet at the K of C at 8 a.m., then take a 20 to 40 mile ride with Ted at 9 a.m. The breakfast benefits a local charity. D riders can ride the trail but should be self-sufficient.
Monday Through Saturday May 11-16	Your Residence! Curb your Car during Bike to Work Week. Join other bike commuters from SBC and the Springfield area for the ride into work all week long! This is the fifth year for the event. Check with your employer to see if it is participating in the Curb Your Car challenge. For details go to the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission alternative transportation website at www.co.sangamon.il.us . Don't forget to turn in commuting miles to the club record keeper.	
Wednesday May 13 7:30 a.m.	Washington Park Pavilion (south side of park) Bill Donels, 546-8036	D — Bike to Work Week Group Commute. This will be a ride as part of the Curb Your Car week, riding from the park to downtown at the farmers market grand opening in front of Cafe Moxo. Those interested can continue the ride out to a trail.
Saturday May 16 11:00 a.m. NOTE TIME	Vredenburg Park Saxon Dr & Crusaders Rd Mike Kokal, 618-560-9288	ABC — Lunch & Winery Ride. Ride with Mike to Shepps in New Berlin for lunch, and then on to Danenberger Family Vineyards (12341 Irish Road, New Berlin) for snacks and libations. 16-24 miles depending, with a 40-mile option. D riders can ride the trail.
Saturday May 16 9:00 p.m.	Old State Capitol Plaza (by the Lincoln statues), corner of 6 th St and Adams St Michael Higgins, 836-9821	EZ — Night Ride. Chef Michael Higgins has an 8 mile route planned. Helmets and lights required.
Sunday May 17 9:00 a.m.	Waldrop Park Sherman Barry Tobias, 303-6782	ABC — Barry will lead you on a ride to Middletown for 35 or on to Athens for and additional 20 miles
Wednesday May 20 7:00 p.m.	State Capitol Visitors' Center 425 S. College St. (west of the Stratton Building across College Street). Parking lot entrance on Edwards St. Naomi and Kevin Greene, 793-9622	EZ — Ride of Silence. Join cyclists worldwide in a silent, slow-paced ride (max. 12 mph) in honor of those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roads. The goal is to raise awareness that cyclists have a legal right to the public roadways and to ask that we all share the road. Riders should begin gathering at 6:30 PM. The ride will depart in silence at 7:00 PM. Helmets recommended, lights required. To learn more about this ride and its history, please visit: www.rideofsilence.org .
Saturday May 23 9:00 a.m.	Rotary Park Archer Elevator & Iles Alan Whitaker, 494-6807	ABC — Many directions to take, hopefully with the wind behind us both ways. 30 to 40 miles
Sunday May 24 9:00 a.m.	Centennial Park Bunker Hill Rd Robert LaBonte, 787-0237	ABCD — Exciting Loami Ride. Join Robert on a ride to Loami and Auburn, 30 to 35 miles. Meet at the Centennial Park main parking lot, NOT the trailhead. D riders can ride the trail but should be self-sufficient.
Saturday May 30 9:00 a.m.	Rotary Park Iles and Archer Elevator Rd Dave Ross, 416-1682.	ABC — Ride somewhere with Dave today, approximately 40 miles with cutoffs. There may be pie!
Sunday May 31 9:00 a.m.	Rochester Station Lost Bridge trailhead Harv Koplo, 899-9175	ABCD – Harv says it's time to take us east! 25 miles through Edinburg and up to Roby or 40 to Mechanicsburg. D riders can ride the trails but should be self-sufficient.

Other Area Rides

Springfield area bike shops and other entities sponsor or host a number of rides and events each year. When we receive requests to help publicize these activities, we'll post them in this new section of the QR. *NOTE: 'Other area ride' miles count for club miles, as they are organized rides.*

Other Area Rides & Events		
Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Ace Bicycle Shop 2500 S MacArthur Ave Bill House, 691-2455	Ace Monday Night Ride. These rides are geared towards all levels of riders and are no drop! Ace staffers will be on the ride in the event of a mechanical. Helmets are strongly recommended. Like us on Facebook "Ace1BMX" for weather details.
Tuesdays 5:30 p.m.	Biketek 957 Clock Tower Dr Jim Elliott, 529-5848	Bike Tek Road Ride. This ride is for C level riders. Jim will lead a ride for about 15 miles at a much easier pace.
Tuesdays 5:45 p.m.	Biketek 957 Clock Tower Dr Vince Skaggs, 502-2904	Bike Tek Salisbury Hills Ride. A and B group leaders assist developmental riders. The route is challenging and hilly. Each group re-forms periodically. The Thursday rides are all show-n-go rides, with no official leader.
Wednesdays 6:10ish p.m.	Wheelfast 17 Cottonwood Dr Matt Saner, 483-7807	Wheelfast Road Ride. Intermediate training ride. Meet at the bike shop and plan on 16-20 miles. Faster group leaves at 6:05. Others leave at 6:15 with a designated leader at the rear.
Every other Wednesday May 13 & 27 5:30 p.m.	New City Church parking lot New City Rd Pawnee Steve Schien, 741-8388	New City Time Trials. This is a non-affiliated 10.85-mile time trial on Pawnee New City Road. Most riders are seeking to improve their cycling ability and personal time trial speed. All are welcome to participate. Check-in immediately after arriving. The goal is to send off the first rider at 6:00. Riders are started in 15-second intervals starting with the slower riders first. Bring \$2 for the timer. Ask to be put on the email group to learn of date and time changes.
Thursdays 5:45 p.m.	Scheels 3801 S. MacArthur Blvd Amy Beadle, 726-6330	Trail and Road Ride. A chance for fellow bike enthusiasts to get together and share their passion. This ride is intended for all levels of riders. Some riders stay on the trails for 10-12 miles while others add a road ride for 20-30 miles. A designated rider leader stays at the back of each riding group.
Thursdays 5:45 p.m.	Biketek 957 Clock Tower Dr Vince Skaggs, 502-2904	Bike Tek Salisbury Hills Ride. A and B group leaders assist developmental riders. The route is challenging and hilly. Each group re-forms periodically. The Thursday rides are all show-n-go rides, with no official leader.
Friday May 29 5:30 p.m.	State Capitol Visitors' Center 425 S. College St. (west of the Stratton Building across College Street) Alan Escobar, 638-9523	Critical Mass Ride. Ride for about 1 hour at a slow pace. Suitable for all bikes. Critical Mass is a worldwide event held the last Friday of every month. It is open to all, and it welcomes all riders to join in a celebration of riding bicycles. Why? Because bikes are fun! Front and rear LIGHTS recommended.
Regional Rides For an up-to-date listing, go to www.mikebentley.com and check Illinois Bicycle Rides		
Saturday, May 2	George Fero, 618-537-8873	Tour De Stooges. This Lebanon, Illinois ride features routes from 10 to 67 miles. For details, visit tourdestooges.com .
Saturday, May 23	www.ccbiathlon.com	Capital City Biathlon. The Ninth Annual Capital City Biathlon will be held on Saturday May 23, 2015 starting at 7:30 am. The course includes a 3.1 mile run followed by a 15 mile bike ride. This race is sanctioned by USA Triathlon and is chip timed.

Curb Your Car May 11th - 16th

The 8th Annual Curb Your Car Commute Challenge is just around the corner: **May 11th - 16th, 2015!** The team-based challenge to bike, walk, run, or take the bus to work is open to all places of employment in Sangamon County. Team leaders must be designated to register their team and communicate with employees. There are three team categories, based on total number of employees at each business. Head over to the SAT's [Active Transportation Page](#) for registration and event details. The rules for participating can be found on the "CYCCC Guidelines" while prizes and supporting activities are listed on the "CYCCC Incentives".

Along with the traveling trophy and Maldaner's Restaurant gift certificate for each winning team, participant prizes, a group bike commute, Curb Your Car Passport, free SMTD bus ride for passengers bringing their bicycle, water stations at Grab-a-Java, and a Saturday night downtown bike ride, new this year -

- [Curb Your Car Facebook page](#) - everyone liking the Facebook page will be entered into a drawing for one of two SMTD bus passes.
- **Team Leader Toolbox** - helpful materials will be put in the toolbox. Currently you can find a poster with room for the team name and team leader's name and contact information, as well as a sample email to send to co-workers.
- **Special prize drawing for team leaders** of teams with at least 5 employees recording their active commute.
- **More fabulous prizes** from new prize sponsors!

The commute time is a great opportunity to get exercise, save money, engage in the community, and reduce negative impacts on the environment!

Team leaders should register their teams by Thursday, May 7th.

If you have any questions please contact Linda Wheeland at Springfield Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission at LindaW@co.sangamon.il.us or 535-3110.

LIB Extra - from the League of Illinois Bicyclists

Getting the Word Out About BikeSafetyQuiz.com

Since its June 2013 launch, BikeSafetyQuiz.com has proven to be a very useful educational tool, reaching over 20,000 Adult Bicyclists, Child Bicyclists, and Motorists. Our thanks go to you for your donations that allowed us to create this resource and for your Share the Road license plate purchases that fund its maintenance and promotion.

LIB continues to ramp up efforts to reach target audiences ranging from driver ed programs to elementary school PTAs to mayors. Most of our promotion is through mass mailings, social media and other digital outreach, and partnerships with other organizations. We are now trying something new to supplement these efforts: hiring a fleet of 15 quiz "reps" to promote quiz use locally and in-person. Funding for this came from our Share the Road license plates.



Board Meeting Minutes - April 1, 2015

Chanell Hamilton, Recording Secretary

Present. Tom Clark, Chanell Hamilton, Ken Anderson, Stephen Paca, Bill Donels, Marty Celnick, John Nelson, Jim Hajek, Alan Whitaker.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Clark at 7:17 p.m.

President's Remarks. Conducted by Tom Clark. No remarks.

Vice President's Remarks. Conducted John Nelson. Reported that the ride schedule is out the the scheduler. D leaders are being recruited. So far, rides are for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. D-Railers are different from D Rides, as D-Railers are to train people for the century. Discussed co-leader position vs. sweep rider. Decided on points for co-leader.

Secretary's Report. Conducted by Tom Clark. 8 renewals and 0 new members.

Minutes. Conducted by Chanell Hamilton. March's Minutes were recorded and emailed to the Board in advance, and were approved by the board after amendments.

Membership Chair Report. Conducted by Tom Clark in Vince's absence. Vince submitted his report to Tom prior to the meeting. Said he has several riders signed up for the D-Railers.

Treasurer's Report. Conducted by Jim Hajek. The March Treasurer's Report was submitted via email prior to the meeting, with an ending balance of \$24, 534.64. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Jim submitted the 2015 Quarterly Budget report for review.

Incentive Chair Report. Conducted by Stephan Paca. Stephan is still working on the annual incentive awards. Robert Labonte's ride received The Ride of the Month Award for March. Marty Celnick received The Ride Leader Incentive Award for March. The Almost Anything Award for March was not awarded.

Special Events Report. Conducted by Harv Koplo. Met the new management of K of C. Attempted to resolved some negative issues. Food/kitchen liability. Parking issue. Also discussed new promotional items for the CCC

Legislative/Education Report. Conducted by Bill Donels. Bicycle Friendly Community will continue to meet in an effort pursue and resubmit the Bicycle Friendly Community application in August 2015. Bill met with some of the politicians currently running for local office, as well as setting up meetings with others, to discuss the agenda of the Bicycle Friendly Council. The Bicycle Advisory Council will be adding 4 new members. BFC will be meeting friday 4/3/15. Harv presented a demonstration of the new bike repair stations that will be on the trails. Due to the community and local business interest in the bike stations, Harv moves that the bike club purchase 2 additional bike repair stations. After clarifications, the board approved the motion.

Social Chair Report. Conducted by Tom Clark in Poonam Majahan's absence. The next socializer will be held Tuesday, April 7th, 2015 at 5:30pm at Walnut Street Winery in Rochester.

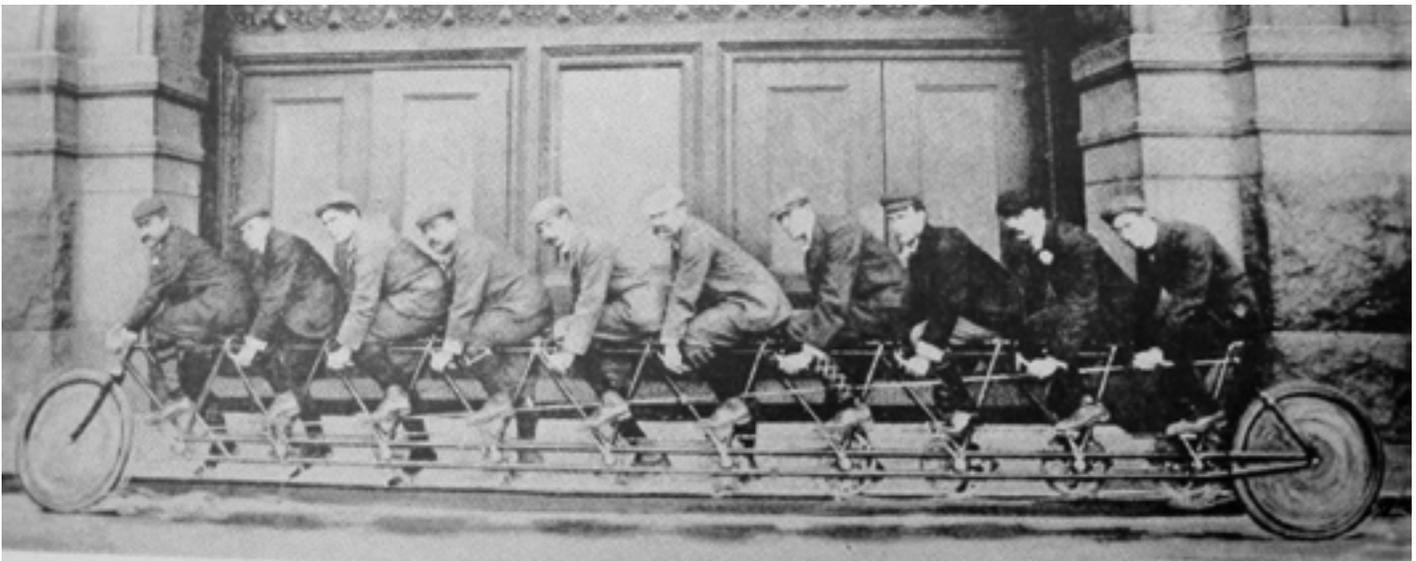
Newsletter Editor Report. Conducted by Tom Clark in Joe Agner's absence. Nothing to report.

Webmaster Report. Conducted by Alan Whitaker. Tom updated the website in April while Alan was out of town. Otherwise, nothing to report.

New Business.

SBC will have a display at IDOR sustainability week.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ken and Sandy Anderson.



History of Cycling in Illinois: McLean County History Museum Lunch and Learn

Thursday, May 14 at 12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the McLean County Museum of History, 200 N. Main St., Bloomington, IL.

This Lunch and Learn presentation will cover the early history of cycling in Illinois. It is based off the research on Illinois cycling by Chris Sweet. In addition to the presentation there will be some historical cycling artifacts on display.

It is often forgotten that from 1890 until about 1930 bicycling reigned supreme as the most popular sport in America. Bicycle racers were well-paid celebrities and races routinely attracted thousands of spectators. The social elite were members of cycling clubs with private clubhouses. This period of cycling history is particularly significant because it had a direct impact on social progress in the areas of race, class, and gender. Historically, Illinois was home to the majority of the country's bicycle manufacturers (Schwinn being the most well-known). Bicycle races were big business in both Chicago and Central Illinois. Chris will explore this forgotten history, which has been buried in archives and old newspapers.

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