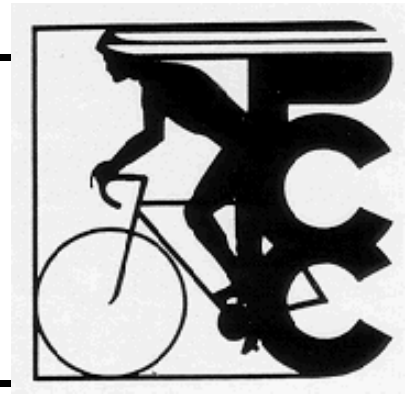

The Prairie Cyclist

Newsletter of the Prairie Cycle Club, Urbana-Champaign IL
November, 2010



End of Year PCC Dinner Tuesday, December 7

The gathering is scheduled at the El Toro Restaurant, 2651 West Springfield in Champaign on December 7th, 6:30pm. \$10 will get you an all you can eat Fajita Bar and bottomless soft drinks, the actual cost being partially subsidized by PCC. Partygoers will pay for their own alcoholic beverages. Please RSVP PCC president Susan Jones, president@prairiecycleclub.org, by December 1 if you plan to attend.

The holiday party is also our yearly membership meeting, where we vote for new and returning board members, and any by-law changes. We're proposing a shift in the bylaws regarding the term limits, which currently allow a board member to serve 4 consecutive years, but no more than 2 at any position. See the Board meeting summary in the next column for details

Board Members Sought

We need persons to serve on the PCC Board !!! Contact current president Susan Jones if you wish to serve on the incoming PCC Board. Four positions that need to be filled: President, Treasurer, Membership Director, Activities Coordinator and possibly Publicity Coordinator. If Lorrie Pearson becomes the next President then the Publicity Coordinator slot needs to be filled. [Lorrie received the most votes in last February's Iowa St caucus :-)] Membership is presently being done by Richard Brannon along with his duties as Secretary.

Additional Notes from October 24 PCC Board meeting

Attending board members: Sue Jones, Rich Furr, Lorrie Pearson, Michael Fuerst, Mike Bernon and Richard Brannon. Also attending John Prince.

End of Season Ride Costs: The cost for the picnic for end of the season bike ride to Homer Lake totaled \$115.91 for sandwiches and pop. The Club paid this expense.

Open Board Positions: These "jobs" will be placed in the newsletter, and an e-mail sent to all club members as well. Members can either nominate somebody or self nominate. Nominations will be voted on at the Party.

Newsletter Editor: Because of the job's technical nature, the Board is recommending the Newsletter Editor be exempted from term limits. The person doing the job must still be approved by voters. The exemption for this position will be voted on at the Party. Michael Fuerst is the current editor.

Champaign County Bikes: According to Rich Furr, Champaign County Bikes thinks PCC owes them \$400 for making bike route maps around the greater Champaign area. Richard is going to review all past minutes to see if the Club made a commitment to do this.

Website Upgrade: Lorrie is speaking to Jim Witte about possible changes to our website. Jim is currently providing this free webpage to the Club.

Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held at Panera Bread on Sunday, November 21st at 6:30 PM. All PCC members are invited. Those wishing to eat should arrive earlier.

An Exciting Video Display of Bicycling Skill

<http://wimp.com/bicycleskill/> However, they did NOT wear helmets....



For those who have everything.....

.... here's the CyFi, a compact, water-resistant, aerodynamically shaped speaker that fastens to handlebars (or backpack strap, or stroller). Your phone or music player, nestled in your pocket, transmits music to the speaker wirelessly as you ride along. The company argues that listening this way is safer than wearing earbuds . <http://mycyfi.com/>

Cranksgiving Fundraiser for Eastern Illinois Food Bank Sat November 14th

Chambana Cranksgiving, a scavenger hunt cycling race, an alternative take on a traditional food drive, starts from the Bike Project at 202 S Broadway, Urbana, 2pm Sat November 14. Registration starts 1pm.

Participants use their entry fees to purchase food at local markets that are highlighted on provided event maps; the food items cyclists purchase are based on what the Foodbank has prioritized as most necessary. After the race itself, The Bike Project hosts an after-party that is open to all cyclists and members of our community; admission at the door is canned goods. All of our proceeds are donated to the Foodbank. Anything you could do to get the word out would be greatly appreciated! Contact: pietahorvath@yahoo.com or 608.215.3111. Or on the web: <http://chambanacranksgiving.blogspot.com/> or <http://tinyurl.com/25djmea>

Google Maps and Bicycling

<http://travel.nytimes.com/2010/08/15/travel/15Prac.html?nl=technology&emc=ctb1>

Article About Bicycle Fitting

Those interested in bicycle fitting might wish to read this article:
<http://www.peterwhitecycles.com/fitting.htm>

Upcoming Organized Rides

Two good lists of rides in the Midwest this season are <http://brinin.org/> and <http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/mwrides.htm>

Everything You Wanted To Know About Bicycling

..... can be found at Mike's Mega Bicycle Links
<http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/index.html>

Contribute to the Newsletter

If you have any photos, or a 1-2 paragraph account of rides you have taken, or links to interesting articles or web sites about bicycling, send them to the newsletter editor, Michael Fuerst (mjerryfuerst@yahoo.com)



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The board meets monthly, usually on the third Sunday of the month, at Panera's at Mattis and Kirby. Everyone is welcome to attend, just to listen in or to bring ideas or feedback.

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