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## **END-OF-THE-YEAR CLUB RIDE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 HOMER LAKE- ...and MEETING**

**END OF SEASON RIDE,  
Sunday, October 12**

We've got Homer Lake Park reserved for Sunday, October 12. Rider meet at Meadowbrook park for a 12:30 p.m. departure for the Walnut Hill Shelter (go into the park and bear left until you find the signs and the bicycles ☺) Lunch & beverages will be provided. Should people wish to opt out of riding, they should plan to be at the shelter by 1:30 p.m. to greet riders and eat with group.

## **PCC BOARD MINUTES ONLINE BLOG**

<http://pccminutes.blogspot.com/> is the address where you can click and see what's happening at board meetings, and whatever else we're thinking and talking about. Of course, you can get on the board or drop in anyway and find out firsthand, too!

## **PCC BOARD VACANCIES – WHERE TO GO FROM HERE?**

The most important agenda item at our end-of-season ride and meeting is to get nominations for the vacancies for our board

positions. The positions are: Treasurer, Secretary, Activities coordinator, Newsletter Publisher and Publicity Coordinator.

Without a board, we won't have a club...

### **The Treasurer shall**

1. Maintain the financial records of the Club.
2. Manage the monetary assets of the Club as directed by the Board of Directors.
3. Provide timely financial reports to the Club as appropriate, including at least one Club financial summary annually and other financial reports requested by the Board of Directors. *Note: If you've got a handle on technology, or have the computer and are willing to figure it out, there are lots of shortcuts to this job.*

### **The Secretary shall**

1. Prepare and maintain records of Membership Meetings and Meetings of Board of Directors.
2. Notify the Membership of Membership Meetings.
3. Inform the Membership as necessary of actions taken at Membership Meetings and Meetings of the Board of Directors.
4. Maintain the official Records of the Corporation.
5. Manage Club correspondence and affiliations with other parties.

**The Activity Coordinator shall**

1. Encourage and promote Club sponsored activities.
2. Maintain and coordinate a schedule of activities related to the purpose of the Club, and inform the Membership of the schedule as appropriate.

**The Publicity Director shall**

1. Coordinate efforts to publicize and promote the Club and activities related to the purpose of the Club, provided such efforts are within the purpose and capabilities of the Club.
2. Serve on the Board of Directors.

The newspaper publisher takes the content I send, proofs it and makes it formatted pretty-like (and I can work with either PC or Mac), and prints out envelopes for the folks who get it snail-mail and sticks stamps and addresses and mails 'em out.

Pretty please, contact any board member and tell us you can help, whether alone or with a buddy.

**DECEMBER 9 : HOLIDAY PARTY**

Mark Tuesday, December 9 on your calendar. That's the PCC Holiday Party at the Great Impasta. This is where we wine and dine and elect board members and whatever else decides to happen. Details to follow!

**SOUTHERN HUES, HILLS, HOSPITALITY – SWFR BIKE TOUR**

LIB's *Shawnee Weekend Forest Ride* will take place once again in Southern Illinois this fall. The dates are October 18-20, when the forest colors should be at their peak. Overnights in cabins or tents will be available at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center located next to Little Grassy Lake south of Carbondale. Nearby motel rooms and B&B's are available

for those who elect not to camp. Routes of 30 to 60 miles will include lots of hills but the scenery is beautiful. This year we will provide a flatter route closer to the Mississippi River, with some routes passing the wineries and orchards which are abundant in the area. For more information contact Anne Johnson at 618-528-4552, 618-687-2546, or [ajohnson@globaleyes.net](mailto:ajohnson@globaleyes.net)

**CYCLING WORKSHOPS***Vehicular Cycling in Champaign-Urbana!  
Find out how!*

The Safe Bicycling workshop introduces participants to the concept of Vehicular Cycling, which includes the bicyclist as a viable part of traffic on the roadways.

The workshop will include a classroom presentation including such topics as Bicycle Selection and Fit, Bicycle Pre-Ride Inspection, Bicycle Traffic Law, Roadway Positioning, Emergency Maneuvers, and a review of the League of Illinois Bicyclists' "Share the Road" video.

A short on-bike ride will follow, demonstrating the use of techniques learned during the workshop. Workshop participants are encouraged to bring their bicycles to the workshop, but the on-bike ride is not required. If riding, a bicycle helmet is strongly encouraged, but not required.

The following classes are scheduled for the fall semester:

October 9 and 10, one session

October 11, two sessions

For times, availability and to reserve a session please contact Officer Chris Hawk at [hawk1@illinois.edu](mailto:hawk1@illinois.edu)  
<http://www.dps.uiuc.edu/bikeworkshop.htm>

## **LINCOLN CIRCUIT RIDE- HAPPY TRAILS!**

September 28, 2008, about 50 riders explored sections of the trail Lincoln followed when he “rode the circuit” as a lawyer. Riders had maps and a detailed historical description of the highlights along their way, as they rode past the site of Kelley’s Tavern (where the elk are on Washington St. on the way to St. Joe ☺), to Homer Lake, and for the stalwart, out to the Danville Courthouse which was designed to replicate the historical building.

Thanks to Dan McCollum, Buz Bailey, Sharon Michalove, Gary Guardia, John Prince, John Alumbaugh and Mary Vita Rosmarino (from the Mahomet Area Youth Club), Scot McCollum, Jeanette McCollum, and Anthony Chernolis... and whoever I’m forgetting... for making this ride happen.

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES ONLINE!**

This has been set up on September 23, 2008 to capture the minutes from PCC board meetings. A link will be established from the PCC homepage so all PCC members will be able to view the minutes of the board meetings. The Secretary will be responsible for entering content and the entire board should ensure its accuracy.

Right now it’s got the minutes from the September 21 in all their glory. At this point, comments haven’t been enabled, but that would be a good thing to bring up at the next meeting- come out and join us!

## **“BIKABILITY” OF COUNTY ROADS ONLINE, TOO!**

The gov'mint of Illinois may have its vicissitudes and vagaries, but one thing it has done well is getting maps of our highways online. This includes the county roads, now, color-coded for their “bikability” based on surface and traffic flow.

Of course, these conditions can change, and no map is perfect, but go to <http://www.dot.state.il.us/bikemap/pdf/Champaign.pdf> for the Champaign County map. Folks at Champaign County Bikes will be figuring out a way to make cue sheets out of these, so stay tuned!



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