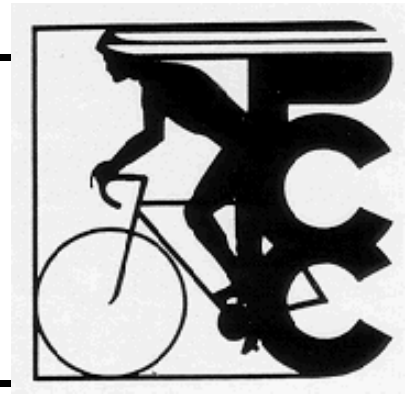


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# The Prairie Cyclist

Newsletter of the Prairie Cycle Club, Urbana-Champaign IL  
August, almost September, 2010 :-)

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## **End of Season Ride Sunday, October 17**

The end of the season ride to Homer Lake is scheduled for Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>, leaving from Meadowbrook Park (Windsor Road parking lot) at 12:30 PM. Food and drink will be served at Homer Lake at 1:15pm. PCC board member Richard Brannon will arrange purchase and delivery of sandwiches and soft drinks .

## **End of Year PCC Dinner Tuesday, December 7**

The Party is tentatively scheduled at the El Toro Restaurant on West Springfield in Champaign on December 7<sup>th</sup>. PCC President Sue Jones is going to call and make the arrangements. At this meeting the new board is elected and by-law changes discussed, so please plan on attending

## **Bicycle Safety Video at Art Theater Tuesday, October 5th**

The cities of Urbana and Champaign have been working the past several months to produce a video to introduce the public to the bicycle infrastructure that is being installed around both cities and to teach motorists and bicyclists how to interact with each on the road.

The bike education video premiere will be next **Tuesday October 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the Art Theater** in Downtown Champaign. Admission is free and there is plenty of covered bike parking in the Hill Street parking garage just north of the theater. The doors will open at 5:00 and the video will be shown at 5:30.

## **Icons from Mt Rushmore at CUAP**

Several newspapers in South Dakota reported that on August 14, 2010, the four countenances carved into Mt. Rushmore vanished for the day. No one knows where the spirits of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Teddy Roosevelt went. Some reported seeing the four that day at the final CUAP rest stop.



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## **Greater Community AIDS Project Walk, Run, Roll Saturday, October 9**

The Greater Community AIDS Project Walk, Run, Roll will occur on October 9 @ Burwash Park in Savoy. GCAP provides emergency HIV/AIDS services and prevention education in East Central Illinois.

The walk, run, roll participants choose from a 1 mile walk, 5K run, or 10 mile bike ride. Prizes will be awarded for the most funds raised and the most participants recruited. Adult prizes include a \$400 ticket package from Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, a 3 month membership from Truly Fit gym, a \$75 gift certificate to Champaign Cycle, and gift certificates from Cardinal Fitness, Xinh Xinh, and Le Peep.

Children's prizes include a party package from Jupiter's at The Crossing, a \$75 gift certificate to Champaign Cycle, a \$90 bike helmet from Durst Cycle, and a combo costume/candy package from Dallas & Co. and World Harvest.

Minimum donation for adults is \$20, children 6 to 18 is \$10. Children under 6 participate free.

For registration forms, maps, and additional information:

<http://www.gcapnow.com/regpacket.pdf>

## **Everything You Wanted To Know About Bicycling**

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

## **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>

## **Additional Notes from Sept 19 PCC Board meeting**

Lorrie Pearson analyzed the CUAP riders. Of the 99 riders in the sample (106 actually rode) resgistered day of ride, 63 registered on line (29 of these from CU). Of the 24 of the 198 persons on the PCC membership list participated, 15 registering on line, 9 on day of ride. Fifty non PCC members from CU participated.

Local bicycle advocacy groups are discussing getting a local certified bicycle safety trainer and how to fund such person's certification as a trainer

With some of the Board Members having their terms expire, we will need some additional people to take their place. Several names were mentioned.

**Contact a current board member if you are interested in serving on the PCC Board**

The next PCC board meeting will occur at Panera Bread, on Kirby and Mattis, on October 24, the 4th Sunday of the month, at 6:30 PM.

## **Google Maps and Bicycling**

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

## **Contribute to the Newsletter**

For possible inclusion in the newsletter, send editor Michael Fuerst ([mjerryfuerst@yahoo.com](mailto:mjerryfuerst@yahoo.com)) photos and a paragraph or two about any rides you have taken, or links to interesting articles or web sites about bicycling.





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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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