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Editorial Spin

by Laura Thompson

One of my favorite events of the summer is going on now! Check out www.internationalcycling.com for information about Super Week – a two week series of bike races around northern Illinois and southeastern Wisconsin. Waukesha hosts one of the races, the Carl Zach Cycling Classic, on Saturday, July 19. Join us at our club booth in downtown Waukesha to cheer on the riders and promote cycling in Waukesha County. Our club president, James Garton, is still trying to fill some open time at the club booth. Let him know if you can help from 12:00-3:00 PM on Saturday. Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesdays/ Thursdays	Show & Go Ride Tues Info: Gloria Bralick 262-549-4029 Thurs info: Edna Pfeiffer 262-542-6372
July 19	Carl Zach Cycling Classic See web info in 'Editorial Spin'
July 22	Club Picnic at Lowell Park Info: James Garton 262-370-1139
July 27	Coalition Ride (<i>more info right</i>) Info: Dan Krall, Bay View Bicycle Club President 414-687-2757
August 1	Friday Fish Fry Ride Info: Mike Doerr 414-491-6453. Please RSVP if you plan to eat, but not ride.

News of Note

Club Picnic

On Tuesday, July 22 after the ride (~8:00 PM), we're having a picnic! Join us at Lowell Park for food, fun and a chance to meet your fellow riders. The club will provide soda, meat and buns. Please bring a dish to pass. BYOB. So we can plan for the food, RSVP to James Garton at 262-370-1139.

Coalition Ride

Mark your calendar, our joint ride and picnic with the Bayview Bicycle Club and Cream City Bicycle Club is Sunday, July 27. The ride will start at Heg Park near Windlake, WI. Ride distances and start times are as follows:

50 miles – 8:00 AM

33 miles – 9:00 AM

23 miles – 9:30 AM

Everyone should finish up at about noon and lunch will be served then. As in the past, bring a dish to pass or some money (\$6) so non-riders can go shopping for last minute needs. Questions? Call Dan Krall, BVBC president, 414-687-2757.

Help your club ... you might win a prize!

We need help papering cars with our PTK flyer at other rides. Specifically:

Tour De Fort/Fort Atkinson/August 17

Cream City Cycle Century/Waterford/ Aug. 24

Wright Stuff Century/Mt. Horeb/August 31

In order to encourage club members to help with these chores, we will offer the following incentive: Any member that distributes flyers – this entails placing one flyer under the windshield of each car at the above stated rides - will earn one entry for each ride they distribute flyers. At the end of the year there will be a drawing from these names for a nice prize. The prize itself is yet to be determined, but the approximate value will be \$50.00. Get your fliers from Steve Thompson (262-547-6921). Tell Laura Fisher (262-706-3029) when you distribute fliers; she'll keep a list.

From the Saddle of the President:

Juli and I were recently in St. Paul, MN for a wedding. The wedding was a series of parties beginning Thursday evening and finishing on Sunday afternoon, which gave us a couple of opportunities to get away on our own. We took the tandem along and it was great to have. I went online before we left home and, among many Minnesota biking links, found a map of the Gateway State Trail. This begins in St. Paul and ends at Pine Point County Park about 4 miles north of Stillwater, MN. The map was good and the trail was paved and easily found. From our friends' home in Roseville we took a City of Roseville trail to a regional trail that connected to the Gateway Trail. We were on the streets for about three or four blocks while connecting between the regional and state trails. We rode the Gateway up to Mahtomedi, a little town near White Bear Lake, had lunch at an Italian deli, and came back via a couple of roads and finally the trails again. This was about a 30 mile loop. A day later we were driving to find the Como Zoo & Conservatory in St. Paul. When we found it, there was a huge festival going on and parking was packed for blocks around. We found a parking lot about 1/2 mile away, got the tandem out and rode back to the site. It beat walking and most of the riding was on paved trails.

If you have a trip planned, take some time to look online for places to ride and take your bike. In large population centers, dedicated biking trails provide an easy way to get some biking done and you can beat a lot of urban parking hassles. You don't have to figure out a loop on the roads without knowing whether there is room on the pavement to ride or what the traffic might be. In the Twin Cities there are many trails; city, regional, and state. Some are rail grade; others are around the numerous lakes in the area. Many are commuter connections between communities. We saw many people out riding every day we were in the area. The Twin Cities Bicycle Club is huge and has an impressive calendar, with several rides every day.

Finally, when riding into unknown areas I always try to remember to bring a bike lock. Sometimes you want to get off and wander out of sight of your bike; it's reassuring to have a stout leash on your bike so it can't easily wander off without you.

James Garton

PTK Preparations

Behind the scenes planning is well under way for this year's Pedal the Kettle (September 21). For those new to the club, we have one ride "director" and several committee chairs – SAG coordinator, kitchen and food coordinator, rest stop coordinator, traffic coordinator and registration coordinator. These folks have been busy reserving sites, ordering food and other supplies and will shortly begin recruiting volunteers to work in these various areas. If you have not already been recruited, your phone will soon be ringing! All club members are asked to help out in some fashion at our annual tour; whether that means distributing PTK fliers at rides, helping the day of the tour or baking cookies for the rest stops. If you have any questions or want to help, contact Mike Doerr (414-491-6453).

Newsletter Articles

Club members are encouraged to submit articles or information about biking trips they've been on. I can always help with writing or editing an article if you think you're not a great writer, but went on a fantastic trip that you'd like to share. I'm looking forward to articles about Horribly Hilly Hundreds, Montana and eastern Europe from some of our vacationing club members! Contact Laura Thompson at 262-364-7611.



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