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Editorial Spin

by Laura Thompson

Many apologies for the multi-month delay in newsletters – my computer’s hard drive took a dive and I’m just now getting back on track.

For many of us, the riding season ended a month or more ago, however, there are some hearty souls who are still strapping on their helmets and hitting the road. Mark Blackman, for one, is on a mission to get in 3000 miles before the end of the year; I know he called my dad on December 1 to plan an afternoon ride – unfortunately it started snowing and sleeting before they could get outside. Maybe next week guys! For those not riding outside there are plenty of indoor activities available in the area to keep in shape. Check out the yoga/spin class at Transition Cycle or the spin classes at the Waukesha Family YMCA as training options during the winter months.

If I don’t see you this winter, I’ll see you in the spring on the road. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

SAVE THE DATE

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| January 1 | Icicle Bicycle
Info: Laura Fisher 414-559-0370 |
| January 12 | Cronometro Bicycle Swap
More info, next column. |
| January 19 | Spinners Annual Holiday Dinner
More info, next column. |



News of Note

Spinners Annual Holiday Dinner

A new venue for a new year. On Saturday, January 19, 2008 join us at CornerStone Restaurant in Genesee Depot for the Spinners Annual Holiday Dinner. We’ll have cocktails starting at 5:30 PM, with dinner to follow. We have been assured that we will not be “rushed out” as in years past at other places, so join us for the festivities!

Check out the extensive menu on their website at www.cornerstonegeneseedepot.com. Please RSVP to Siri Thompson at 262-547-6921 or sear@wi.rr.com; let her know what you’d like to order when you RSVP.

Cronometro Bicycle Swap

Mark your calendar, the 17th Annual Cronometro Bicycle Swap on January 12 in Madison is an event not to be missed. Whether you wish to sell or stop by and browse all kinds of bikes and bike-related equipment and clothing, there is something for everyone. Check out brazendropouts.org and click on the link to the swap for more information

Recipe Request

Jane Blackman’s Date Bars were a hit at PTK!

Crust ingredients

- 1 ½ c. oatmeal
- 1 ½ c. flour
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¾ c. butter

Filling ingredients

- 1 ½ c. chopped dates
- ½ c. sugar
- 1 c. water
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Work crust ingredients together as you would pie crust. Pack half of the mixture into a greased 9 x 12 pan. Blend and boil first 3 filling ingredients until thick, then add vanilla. Pour over crust. Top with other half of crust mixture. Pat lightly. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

From the Saddle of the President:

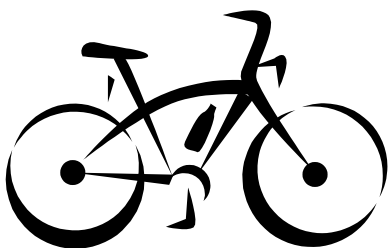
I'll be making an effort to bring us together during the "off" season. Toward that end, suggestions for meeting topics and travel presentations are always welcome; email me.

We made money on PTK and the effort by so many club members was huge. Thank you to everyone who assisted in pulling off another great event! Mike Doerr has expressed an interest in leading it one more time next year and he will be looking for a protégé to follow along as the planning comes together. This protégé position is for whoever would kindly consider being the lead on PTK for 2009. We have a number of good people who can do the various tasks, just need someone to direct – in Donald Trump's terminology – to be the project leader.

I've got new knickers on order and am going to ride into the off-season as far as possible. If we get some decent weekends this winter and you're looking for company on a ride, get a note up on our Google Groups.

In addition, Juli and I plan to make a day of the Cronometro Bicycle Swap, with lunch at Brocach or similiar and then a tour of the bike shops of Madison. We'll likely have open seats in the bike transporter; call or email if you'd like to come along.

James Garton



Out for a Ride

Although there is no story for the 'Out for a Ride' column this month, many of our club members took cycling related trips in 2007. If you're interested in a cycling vacation, talk to some of your fellow cyclists and have them tell you about their trips this past year.

Gloria Bralick, Lee Polacheck & Nancy Lockman hooked up with the Adventure Cycle gang for the Michigan / Canada leg of the ride across the United States.



James and Juli Garton biked and traveled by barge across Belgium.

Steve Thompson, Laura Thompson and Mike Doerr joined the Two Bikes and a Map folks on SAGBRAW and rolled along the western Lake Michigan shoreline.

Doug and Diane Wolak pedaled through France on a tour with Backroads.

Did you do any travelling in 2007? Submit a synopsis of your travels for publication in our newsletter next year!

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