

Cascades Cycling Club Newsletter



Serving Jackson's Cycling Community for over 30 Years - All Riders - All Abilities

Annual Meeting Held at The Beach Bar

On a sunny Sunday afternoon when many bicyclists would have rather been on their bikes, our annual meeting was held at the Beach Bar. Below are some photos from the event.

Harry Pulver, Cheryl & John Lawrence enjoying lunch before the meeting (Tom Wyngaert is in the background).



Adam and Marty Kohn along with (9th grader!) Roz and (6th grader!) Charlotte Riedeman chatting before lunch in the banquet room of the Beach Bar. I can't believe how quickly these girls are growing up!



Recently returned from their hiking/biking trip to Arizona, Louann Swartz and Dan Wood found the Beach Bar a perfect place to relax.

Our guest speaker was Pat Kelley from the TCBA. Pat and his wife Colleen gave us a very good understanding of what was being planned for Dalmac Sunday since all routes will be ending in Mackinaw City this year.





After the meeting: Ron Utter, Jeff Dayss and John Riedeman in the foreground, with (left to right) Louann, Chris Kohn, Adam and Mike Woizeschke.

Pat Kelley, president of the Tri-County Bicycle Association, was our guest speaker this year. Pat talked about the history of the TCBA, which has been in existence just about as long as DALMAC. The story goes that after the first couple of years of DALMAC, Dick Allen met with officials from the TCBA and asked them to take over administration of the ride. The TCBA has been putting on DALMAC every year since.

Pat also explained the decision for all routes to end in Mackinaw City this year. The Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland security Division recommended to the Mackinac Bridge Authority that mitigation measures to fully protect pedestrians and bicyclists be put in place if bridge crossings are to continue by these two groups. As a result, at its board meeting in February, the Bridge Authority decided to end all pedestrian and bicycle crossings for 2018 with the exception of the annual Labor Day Bridge Walk.

With all routes now ending in Mackinaw City, plans are underway for a special end of ride celebration for all DALMAC participants, including ferry discounts for DALMAC riders who wish to travel to Mackinac Island. As we learn more details will share them with you in this newsletter.

Pedal & Whine Bike Tour 2018



When: Saturday, August 4, 2018
Where: Sandhill Crane Vineyards
What: Sixth Annual Pedal & Whine Bike Tour

Register Now! Roy & Bob Say This is a Great Ride!

This year's ride was a huge success, with attendance surpassing 300 riders for the first time! We are already making plans for next year's ride, so mark your calendars now and plan to join your fellow club members next summer in Jackson County's biggest ride!

How: Visit cascadescyclingclub.org to register today!

Some of the highlights that were shared at this year's annual meeting:

- 1) As in the past several years, club rides were scheduled 6 days a week, from Saturday through Thursday. Thank you ride leaders!
- 2) We completed our 2nd jersey sale in 2 years! This gave club members who missed out on our first sale in 2016 another opportunity to purchase a club jersey at a CCC member discounted rate!
- 3) The Pedal and Whine Bike tour surpassed 300 riders for the first time ever in 2017! Sandhill Crane Vineyards has told us they can accommodate more riders this year, so we will be increasing our rider limit to 350 in 2018.
- 4) For the first time ever, the club has an insurance policy that actually covers our riders on club rides! This policy provides both liability and medical coverage for club members on club rides.
- 5) Our club filed Articles of Incorporation with the State of Michigan in 2017. This was an essential first step to filing for Non-Profit status with the IRS this year. We'll let you know in this newsletter when that filing takes place.
- 6) Cascades Cycling Club contributed over \$900 to the League of Michigan Bicyclists, the League of American Bicyclists and the Friends of the Falling Waters Trail in 2017! Thanks for your support!

While You Snuggled By The Fire This Winter...



December 7: Mike and Norm enjoying the first snowfall of the season in the Waterloo Recreation Area. Photo by Ron.



December 8: "I Love Michigan" - Anonymous

December 21: The ice is just starting to form on Lime Lake.



January 19: The forecast is for sunny, cold & smiling!

Valentines Day: Laughing at the cold with Mike, Ron, Norm & Frank!



February 27: Can you believe it was 58 degrees?!

Club Dues are Now Due!

In case you haven't already paid your dues for 2018, this is your reminder that club dues are now due. Your dues are your way of saying "I support cycling in Jackson". Dues give you a voice in Lansing and in Washington as they allow our club to be a member of the Leagues of Michigan and American Bicyclists. These organizations continually work to make our roads (both paved and gravel!) safer for you and your family members to ride.

Your dues also fund the club's insurance policy which provides you with liability insurance in case you as a rider are sued, and supplemental medical insurance to cover your deductibles in case you are injured on a ride.

If that is not enough for you to renew your membership in the Cascades Cycling Club, consider this: Our members enjoy a 10% discount on parts and accessories at P&T Fitness and On Two Wheels! You can save money and be a commendable citizen bicyclist by renewing your membership today!

Renewing your membership is easier than ever. Just click this link to go to our club's website cascadescyclingclub.org where you will be able to renew online, or print an application form and mail it in with your check.

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Bike Maintenance Workshop May 9

The Carnegie Branch of the Jackson District Library will be sponsoring a Bike Maintenance 101 Workshop during National Bike Month (May). George Webster of P&T Fitness will be sharing his tips to help you keep your bike in tip-top shape. This event will be held Wednesday, May 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. I hope to see you there!

Coming Soon to our Ride Calendar...RIDES!

It's true, spring is here, the days are getting warmer and club members are getting ready to ride. This season's rides will begin sometime in April, and will all be noted on the club's Ride Calendar as soon as the dates are set. If you would like to host a new ride this year, or help host any of our rides please let me know.

Mike