

# Cascades Cycling Club Newsletter



Serving Jackson's Cycling Community for over 40 Years - All Riders - All Abilities

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## Annual Meeting

As you can see in the picture below, we had a great turnout for our annual meeting at the Crazy Cowboy in January. Five new members joined many returning members, and during this meeting we presented Matt Penniman of the League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB) with our club's largest donation ever! Matt's biggest news was that the LMB had just brought the Michigan Mountain Biking Association into its organization to better advocate for all cyclists (see page 4 for more on this). Elections were held, Bonnie Gretzner was re-elected as Club Secretary and Mike Woizeschke as Club President.

Hosts Liz & fellow cyclist Mike Wigginton served a delicious lunch, so please remember to patronize this great restaurant in downtown Jackson!





# RIDE OF SILENCE.

**May 17, 7PM**

Free event. Horace Blackman Park.



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# Ride of Silence

May 17, 2023

Each year on the 3rd Wednesday in May, bicycling clubs around the world host a cycling event known as the Ride of Silence. This ride aims to raise the awareness of motorists, police and city officials of cyclists' legal right to use public roadways. The ride is also an opportunity to show respect for and honor the lives of cyclists who have been injured or killed while cycling. All cyclists are invited to join the members of the Cascades Cycling Club for this solemn, silent ride.



This is a photo from our 2021 Ride of Silence as the riders approach an intersection. Note the Jackson City Police holding traffic at the intersection to allow the riders to continue as one group.

Please join us at 6:45 p.m. on May 17 as we line up for this ride at Horace Blackman park in downtown Jackson.

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## League of Michigan Bicyclists/Michigan Mountain Biking Alliance

(taken from the LMB website)

The League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB) and Michigan Mountain Biking Association (MMBA) are moving forward with a unification to bolster and broaden the voice of the Michigan bicycling community. We recognize that we are all stronger when we work together.

Moving forward, MMBA will become part of the League of Michigan Bicyclists. Through this unification, the MMBA acronym will remain, but the name will change slightly to be the Michigan Mountain Bike Alliance. This retains the well-established MMBA moniker and branding, but also signifies this important organizational shift. As a strategic “Alliance”, MMBA will represent a relationship among people and groups who work together for positive change.

Mountain biking is a natural fit with LMB’s mission to “improve life through bicycling.” This transition will supplement and expand on LMB’s current work and extend our reach throughout the bicycling community, while we maintain progress and attention on existing priorities. A LMB/MMBA unification fits multiple focus areas from LMB’s strategic plan, including plans to “strengthen collaborative partnerships with local trail groups,” “integrate mountain biking clinics into our educational curriculum,” and “plan and implement a membership drive drawing from all types of cyclists.”

“LMB has a top-notch organizational structure in place and has done a fantastic job over the past decade advocating for cyclists on our roadways, creating real change, which has enhanced both the rights and safety of cyclists. The MMBA has a long history of securing access to quality trails for off road cyclists. Unifying advocacy efforts for the mutual benefit of Michigan cyclists – road and trail – under one umbrella just makes sense and stands to strengthen the voice of the entire cycling community in our state.” – *Jason Aric Jones, Advocacy Director, MMBA, Oct 18, 2022*

# OTW 34TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY! WIN A FREE E-BIKE!



**Come and celebrate our 34th anniversary with us! This is no April Fool's joke! We will be celebrating all day on April 1st with big sales, food, drinks, and we will be giving an e-bike away valued at over \$1000! Bring your family, bring your kids, bring some friends, and let's help kick 2023 off and get people rolling!**

**What:** PARTY

**When:** SATURDAY, APRIL 1st 10-5

**Where:** 550 LAURENCE AVE.  
JACKSON, MI 49202  
517-789-6077

# Pedal & Whine Bike Tour 2023



## Save the Date! 2023 Pedal & Whine Bike Tour August 5!

Here is another picture of happy riders at our Pedal & Whine Bike Tour last year! Planning is currently underway for the 10th annual Pedal & Whine Bike Tour, and registration is now open. Let us know if you would like to be a part of our great volunteer team and help riders from across southern Michigan enjoy bicycling in rural Jackson county!

- When:** Saturday, August 5, 2023  
**Where:** Sandhill Crane Vineyards  
**What:** 10th Annual Pedal & Whine Bike Tour

## A Word about Dues

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Dues for 2023 are now being accepted. You can mail your dues payments to Cascades Cycling Club P.O. Box 515 Jackson, MI 49204, or visit our website to pay your dues online.

Your dues say that you support cycling. They give you a voice in Lansing and in Washington as they allow our club to be members of the Leagues of Michigan and American Bicyclists. These organizations continually work to make our roads & trails safer for you and your family to ride.

Funds raised through dues also pay for club operating costs such as our website and insurance policy. FYI - our club's policy provides liability and medical coverage for members while participating in club rides.

In addition, all club members enjoy free access to the club's Ride with GPS account. Never get lost again! Follow your route on your smartphone or cycling computer!

## Cascades Cycling Board Members at Large

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Jeff Dayss  
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## Miscellaneous

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**Ride of Silence:** As in past years we will assemble in Horace Blackman Park in downtown Jackson. Please plan to join us by 6:45 p.m. for pre-ride instructions and some background information about the ride from our club's Vice-President Cindy Acker.

**Election of Officers:** Elections were held in January and Bonnie Gretzner was re-elected to the position of Secretary, and Mike Woizeschke was re-elected as President. Each of these positions is a 2-year term. Next year's elections will be for club Treasurer and Vice President.

**Club Rides are Coming!:** Warmer weather will soon be here, and so will our schedule of weekly group rides. If you have yet to join one of our group rides please make a commitment to attend a ride in May. I'm sure you will find our club rides are a friendly and fun way to spend time on your bike!

*Keep Riding!  
 Stay Healthy!  
 Ride Safe!*

*Mike*