

RBBC Newsletter- February 2019

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Officer Report- we are seeking a new secretary, please contact the club email (rbbcclinton@gmail.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

Club Officers:

Co-President – Chad Jensen

Co-President- Annis Bear

Treasurer- Randey Meir

Membership- Joe Raymaker

RAGBRAI Chair- John Fah

Newsletter- Zane Pennock

Upcoming RBBC Ride Schedule:

- March 20: Full Moon Ride
- March 23: Icicle Bicycle
- April 18: Full Moon Ride

Winter Extravaganza Recap: Thanks for everybody you came out and joined us at Manny's for the winter get together. It was great to see everybody and exchange past stories and and begin planning for the coming year!

NEXT MEETING: Thursday March 21st, 7PM McKinley Street Tavern.

Iowa Bike Summit Recap

Every January the Iowa Bicycle Coalition organizes the annual bike summit. The weekend long event begins with a day of networking and educational seminars followed by the events expo and RAGBRAI announcement party! Check out the recap below:

The event opened with Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, a National Non-Profit Organization working to create healthier people and more connected communities. Through partnering with local communities they are able to convert defunct rail lines into community trails. Since 1986 they have been working to achieve their goals of connecting communities. In that time they have been able to help construct 23,000 miles of trails with another 8,000 miles to go. At the expo they announced the their largest undertaking yet.

RTC is moving forward with a plan that would see a trail traverse the country from west coast to east coast. This nearly 4000 mile trail passes through 12 states plus the District of Columbia. The plan incorporates many existing trails that already make up 50% of the needed trail infrastructure for this massive project to happen. While the states have been decided upon the exact final location of each trail segment has not yet been decided upon yet. The trail will be made up of 13 “Gateway Trails” that will serve as the premiere trail within each state. Iowa’s “Gateway Trail” will be the Cedar Valley Trail in Cedar Falls. From there the trail will find its way south and east until it crosses the Mississippi in the Quad Cities. You can find out more information at www.greatamericanrailtrail.org.

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Paved trails weren't the only thing that were discussed, there were presentations on both singletrack and gravel routes. Singletrack and gravel provide a completely different experience to road riding and paved trails. Not only do they provide a difference experience but Iowa is crisscrossed by thousands of miles of gravel roads that see very little traffic and make it very easy to connect many different communities. Beyond gravel the singletrack community is beginning to grow, discussion of new trails in Linn County and the Cedar Valley Area. Backyard Trails is an Iowa Based company focused on the construction of sustainable singletrack. With proper construction and a little bit of maintenance there's many areas that would be suitable for singletrack construction. If you are interested in finding singletrack in the state check it out here: www.iowabikeroutes.com/singletrack/.

In addition to promoting new trails both paved and unpaved during the day we spent a significant time discussing research that is going on in the state. The University of Iowa's Department of Public Health is working with major auto companies to improve pedestrian detection capabilities in the automotive market. Not only does this relate to blind spot dedication, automatic braking, cyclists pedestrian detection and even driverless vehicles. But automotive technologies is not the only enhancements that is being investigated there are some new pavement markings being investigated.

A new on-road bike lane configuration is being considered. This configuration could be incorporated onto low volume rural roads with good sightlines and not centerline markings. This layout would place 5' bike lanes on either side of the road with dashed pavement markings. This lane would be dedicated for cyclists when bikes are present on the roadway. Should two vehicles approach either other they could use the space to pass one another before returning to the space between the two bike lanes. This configuration aims to provide needed connections between existing trails where right of way limited or other restrictions exist.

As a warm weather cyclist the middle of January tends to be a time void of cycling. Escaping town for a day filled with bike discussion surrounding new trails, trail successes and potential innovations is a brief warm spot in an otherwise cold and cycling barren winter. If you you unable to attend the summit I would suggest keeping tabs on the the Iowa Bike Coalition Webpage where you can keep up to date on cycling action in the state.

RIVERBEND BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM
Membership is January 1 to December 31

Full name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: (_____) . ____ . _____

E-mail address: _____

We do not share your email address. It is used exclusively for club use only. You will receive newsletter via email from RBBC. () Check if you wish to receive your monthly newsletter via postal mail. Please list additional family members for family memberships: _____

_____ I and any family members listed above understand that the RiverBend Bicycle Club, its officers, and activity leaders are not insurers of my personal safety. I understand that bicycle riding has personal risk and I thus release them from any and all liability arising from any personal injury, property damage, loss or inconvenience resulting from participating in RiverBend Bicycle Club activities or rides. All cyclists ride at their own risk and are advised to wear a helmet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of parent or guardian is required if primary member is under 18)

Please check all that apply:

- I do not want to be included in the membership directory
- I am a member of the Iowa Bicycle Coalition
- I am a member of the Ride Illinois
- I am a member of the League of American Bicyclists

Choose one of the following membership levels:

- Single yearly membership: \$15.00
- Family yearly membership: \$20.00
- Business yearly membership: \$30.00

Total amount: _____

Please make checks to RBBC and mail to:
RBBC/membership
PO Box 1571 Clinton, IA 52733

Icicle Bicycle Ride - March 23, 2019



The Icicle Bicycle Ride is a popular way to start the cycling season. The March 23, 2019 ride has participants riding on the Great River Trail from Clinton to Thomson, IL.

The ride begins at Happy Joe’s Pizza parlor at 408 South First Street in Clinton. The 28-mile route will take riders along the Clinton Riverfront to the bike path and over the Mississippi River via the north Bridge. Riders will be given the option of traveling north to Thomson, IL along the Great River Trail or a more scenic route along the Mississippi River dike, past Fulton’s authentic Dutch windmill. A sag stop will be located in Thomason, where riders can enjoy refreshments.

Lunch will be provided at Happy Joe’s after the ride. Enjoy a delicious buffet, visit with fellow riders and get in on the door prizes.

Registration is located at 408 South First Street, inside the Clinton Happy Joe's Pizza Parlor, between 9:30 a.m. and Noon. \$20 pre-registration fee, \$25 at the door includes sag stop refreshments & buffet lunch at Happy Joe's PLUS numerous door prizes!

REGISTRATION FORM (Please use one form per rider)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Registration Fee (prior to March 9): \$20 _____

Registration Fee (March 10-23): \$25 _____

Make checks payable to: RIVERBEND BICYCLE CLUB

Send signed registration form and check to:

RBBC, c/o Rori Meyer, 1227 475th Ave., Sabula, IA 52070

LIABILITY WAIVER

I know that bicycling as a potentially hazardous activity. I assume any and all risks associated with participating in this event, including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, effects of the weather, traffic, and conditions on the roads and trails.



Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, I and anyone entitled to act on my behalf waive and release the sponsors of this ride from any claims or liabilities arising out of my participation in this event. I also grant permission to sponsors and their agents to use any photographs, motion pictures or any other record of this event for any purposes.

Signature

Guardian, if participate is under 18 years old