

RBBC Newsletter- July 2019

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Officer Report- we are seeking a new secretary, please contact the club email ([rbbccclinton@gmail.com](mailto:rbbccclinton@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:

- **July 17th: Full Moon Ride, 7:00 PM Elijah Buell Terrace**
- July 18th: RBBC Board Meeting 7PM McKinley Street Tavern
- August 6th: Rec Trails Advisory Committee, 5PM City Hall (Open to anybody)

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday July 18th , 7PM McKinley Street Tavern.**

### Not Just a another small town

Nobody wants to look like a tourist when visiting a new town, so here are some helpful facts for when you make your stops during RAGBRAI that will make you sound just like a local!

#### **Day 1:**

- Council Bluffs- Home to David Yost, the original Blue Ranger in the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers TV Series
- McClelland: Established 1903 named after W.H. McClelland
- Underwood: Incorporated in 1902 when they built a jail for \$140.
- Neola: Home to two professional baseball players both whom went by the name Red. Red Downs and Red Morgan. Red Downs batted .227 and later gained notoriety when he went on to become an armed robber during the Great Depression.
- Minden: Named after Minden Germany, where most of the original settlers of Minden were from.
- Avoca: Not related to the delicious millennial favorite, avocado in any way. Johnny Carson lived here as a child.
- Walnut: Iowa's Antique City, 'A town that measures in yesterday's treasures. Not to be confused with Walnut City.
- Marne: Also named after a German city, Marne.
- Atlantic: Local legend says that the founders believed Atlantic to be exactly halfway between the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean. Because of this a coin flip was needed to determine what to name it and Atlantic won. Actual Measurements: ~1,100 Miles to the Atlantic, ~1,500 miles to the Pacific. Good thing Atlantic won.

#### **Day 2**

- Wiota: Horses outnumber kids 7:2.
- Anita: Town of Anita 4.4 square km, Lake Anita State Park: 4.3 square km.
- Adair: Location of the first train robbery in the American West let by Jesse James. James and his Gang got away with \$3,000 in 1873. That's enough money to build 21 jail houses in Underwood, Iowa.
- Casey: This July is Casey's Sesquicentennial (150th Birthday).
- Menlo: They have a yearly Avocado festival (take that Avoca, Iowa). During the festival the town hosts lawnmower races, Turbo has won 33 years in a row. Will he make it 34?! Better ask when you ride through!
- Stuart: Proud home of Jean Trowbridge, winner of the 1936 National Spelling Bee.
- Dexter: Named after Dexter, the horse whom dominated harness racing in the 1860's
- Earlham: John Wayne's father had a pharmacy here.
- Winterset: John Wayne was born here. The town was platted in 1849 and was supposed to be called 'Summerset' but because it was unseasonably cold at the time it was changed to 'Winterset'

### **Day 3**

- Cumming: In 1979 Pope John Paul II visited and led a prayer service at the nearby St. Patrick's Church
- Norwalk: Aquaman (Jason Momoa) was born here.
- Indianola: Ed Yost who is the inventor of the modern air balloon lived here. Because of this the National Balloon Classic and National Balloon Museum are both located here.

### **Day 4**

- Lake Ahquabi: Ahquabi means 'Resting Place' in the Fox language.
- LaCona: Home of Dave Baker who played nine games as a 3rd Baseman for the Bluejays.
- Chariton: Hometown of former Hawkeye and current Detroit Lion, TJ Hockenson.
- Millerton: Population is 46 people except on July 24th, It will increase over 2000%
- Walnut City- Not to be confused with The City of Walnut.
- Mystic: Began as a coal mining camp going by different names: Jerome, Diamond, Mystic, Clarkdale, Rathbun, Darbyville.
- Centerville: Named after William Tandy Senter, a prominent Tennessee Politician. But when it was incorporated somebody make a mistake and what was supposed to be 'Senterville' became 'Centerville'.

### **Day 5**

- Bloomfield: Home of 10 different senators, representatives and governors and one Associate Supreme Court Justice of the Philippines.
- Libertyville: Recently celebrated its 175th Birthday.
- Fairfield: Featured in 'Oprah's Next Chapter' TV show.

### **Day 6**

- Stockport: Youngest town in Van Buren county at 132 years of age.
- Salem: Being 20 miles north of the Missouri border it became an important depot in the Underground Railroad.
- Houghton: Has more jobs than citizens.
- Middletown: Doesn't seem to be in the middle of anything anymore.
- Burlington: Home of Snake Alley, at one time was the crookedest alley in the world. 58 feet of elevation over 275' with a grade of 21% and 1100 degrees of curvature.

### **Day 7**

- West Pont- Home to Iowa's Largest Sweet Corn Festival.
- Franklin: Named for Benjamin Franklin.
- Donnellson: City Motto: "The heart of Lee County."
- Montrose: This land has been continuously occupied since at least the 1780's
- Keokuk: Location of the first professional baseball game in Iowa. The Keokuk Westerns vs the Chicago White Stockings (today's Chicago Cubs) in 1875.

**RBBC RAGBRAI XLVII REPORT  
July 2019**

We are looking forward to another great year on RAGBRAI. All the last minute details are coming together and the excitement is building. I hope everyone's training has been going well. We have about the same number of riders and campers register this year as we have had the past couple of years. I feel that it is a great size and allows for a lot of flexibility with our campsites and gives the group a nice atmosphere.

Loading of bikes will begin at 3pm on Friday July 19th at the George Washington Elementary in Keokuk, IA. We will load the bikes until dark and then start back up at 5 am on Saturday. Everyone's long term parking should be set up for the GW Elementary. Because there was some confusion you may have received a pass for McDonalds. You will be able to long term park at the elementary school.

Buses will arrive at the school at 6am everyone needs to be on the bus by 6:30 so we can depart on time and head to Council Bluffs. The buses will stop one time on the way so that riders can get something to eat and stretch your legs. Once we get to Council Bluffs there will be a lot of congestion because they have all the charters in one location. Please be patient while the bikes get unloaded and everything gets situated.

Can't wait to see some familiar faces and make some new friends!

Thanks

Jonathan Fah

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