

RBBC Newsletter- August 2018

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

Upcoming RBBC Ride Schedule:

- August 26th: Pie Ride- Bikes + Pie. Does it get any better?
 - o Ride is hosted by Argo Moving
 - Meet at 3726 State Street, Bettendorf 1PM
- August 28th Full Moon Ride
 - o This month's full moon conflicts with the Pie Ride so we will push the Full Moon Ride back two days to August 28th. Meet at 6:30PM at Elijah Buell Terrace.
- [October 13th: Lumber Jack and Jill Ride- Start working on that beard!](#)

Other rides:

- September 3rd Labor Day Ride
Join us Monday, September 3rd for the annual Labor Day ride to McCausland. Riders should meet at 7:30am at Walgreens on 19th Ave N., Clinton. The ride goes through Clinton to Low Moor and on to McCausland, arriving in time for a hearty pancake breakfast at the McCausland fire station. Then walk off the breakfast while viewing the annual car show before riding back

The route is approximately 45 to 50 miles. Mike Wilner and Mary Bertrand will be ride leaders. The ride is canceled if it is raining or if rain is imminent.

- September 28-29. Fall Bike Ride. Meet at Fulton Baseball fields at 9AM on the 28th. Stay the night in Rock Island. Speak with Ron Peters for more information.
- October 20th- Quad Cities Tweed Ride

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 19th at McKinley Street Tavern, 7PM.

August 16th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

1. The August meeting at McKinley Street Taverne was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Chad Jensen. Those in attendance were: Chad Jensen, Annis Bear, Brent Albrechtsen, Zane Pennock, and Ron Peters.
2. There were no minutes from the prior meeting, as the July meeting was cancelled due to Ragbrai starting soon after, and most not being able to attend.
3. Randy Meier was not present, so there was no Treasurer's report.
4. Mail & Communications: none to report
5. Committee Reports: John Bonte was on vacation, so there was no official RAGBRAI report. Chad, Zane, and Ron went on Rabgrai, and we informally talked it. The weather was remarkably ideal for the ride this year- not too hot or rainy. Our club sponsored, and pretty much filled two buses. Many of the bus riders are from distances away, and as one person said to Chad, "We had so much fun with this group last year, that we chose to come back, and invited our friends to join us!" 80 people were at the camps every night.
 - a. Jon Fah, and Argo Moving provided excellent transport, again, and secured very good camping spots with nice showers and bathrooms. Thank you, Jon, and staff!!!
6. Old business
7. New business
 - a. Chad reported that Jon Fah has changed the Pie Ride that Argo Moving is sponsoring to Sun. August 26 (Not this coming Sun., Aug. 19) It is scheduled to begin at 1:00 at Argo Moving, 3796 State St., Bettendorf. Join us—last year we rode the length of Duck Creek trail, and ate scrumptious pie & ice cream afterwards!
 - b. Zane Pennock discussed Upcoming rides:
 1. Full Moon Ride (a monthly event) Tues. Aug. 28. Start at 6:30 at Elijah Buell Terrace- end of Main Ave. and the dike, on the bike trail; ride the Discovery Trail from Lyons to Legends Sports Bar. Some people ride to Hide's Sports Bar in Camanche, then back to Legends. Then, as it gets dark, we ride back to the start. (20 mi. round trip to Legends)
 2. Ron Peters told about the Sept. 28-29 Fall Bike Ride, from Clinton to Rock Island and back. Sat. 9:00 AM, start at the ball field in Fulton, along the trail. They'll stop at J.P.'s in Albany for breakfast, then stop multiple times along the way for hydration, and stay at a hotel in Rock Island. Talk to Ron for info.
 3. Ron also invited people to join he and several others for a bike ride along the trail, Fulton and north to Thomsen & back, every Weds. night. Meet at the Paddlewheel in Fulton at 5:00 PM.
 2. Lumber Jack Ride (our 2nd) will be Sat. Oct. 13 in Clinton- meet at the Sawmill Museum. More info. to follow.
 3. Davenport Tweed Ride is Oct. 20 in the Quad Cities.

4. Not a bike ride: Chad would like to invite everyone to an Outdoor Movie shown on the side of the Bicycle Station in Lyons, on Aug. 25. Family event. Film: "The Goonies."

5. On Sept. 28, Jensen Oil celebrates its 70th Anniversary! It was started by Chad's grandfather, Bill Jensen, in 1948. Congratulations, Jensens!!!

8. Good of the Club- mileage report for several members:

Brent Albrechtsen	1,440 miles
Ron Peters	1,535 miles

Submitted by

Annis Bear

Holy RAGBRAI Batman!

What a ride! Its impossible to categorize RAGBRAI as one thing. Here are just a few ponderings that crossed my mind or I heard during the ride:

- RAGBRAI is like listening to the radio. If you want to change the station you only have to ride a little bit faster or slow down a tad. – Don't like riding to country music? Speed up until you catch up with the guy playing 'Bicycle'. Heard that a few too many times today keep up the pace until you reach the group blaring 'Ring of Fire'. With so many people riding there is plenty of options and not just when it comes to music. Need a group that rides faster or slower? Want to stop more? There is something for everybody.
- RAGBRAI is like speed dating...while riding a bike.—With thousands of other riders and only so much pavement you will definitely be meeting some new people. Some may be in it for a quick ride and others will stick around for something a bit more serious and long term. Whatever it is 5 minutes, five miles or fifty miles, get used to meeting new faces and enjoy it! Don't forget to compliment them and say their bike looks very pretty today.
- Sausage gravy is not aerodynamic—There wasn't anything better than finding a little local diner for breakfast. Hot coffee, fluffy pancakes, crispy bacon and homemade gravy. It certainly made for the best breakfast, no lines and much cheaper than riding to the first town. All that greasy food may help fix that hangover but it certainly won't help you ride faster, but damn does it tastes good.
- There is a real chance that if you find yourself at a Panda breeding facility in Chengdu, China you may run into a fellow RAGBRAIer—I lost count of the number of different stories I heard of RAGBRAIers crossing path outside of RAGBRAI. Or people who met on RAGBRAI who became friends beyond cycling. Sharing the struggle of the hills, Beekman's Ice Cream and the laughs over a few hundred miles doesn't make for your typical friendship, it makes for some special memories.
- RAGBRAI is like being a princess—RAGBRAI is a bit of a big deal, and in some small towns that it goes through it's the biggest event all year. Because of this they go ALL OUT. The towns decorated, they streets are lined with volunteers who are all extremely happy to see you come through their town. Residents are lining the streets waving, cheering and everybody has a smile on their face.

428 miles, 12,000 feet of climb, seven cities and so many stories. With so much happening, its safe to say no two RAGBRAI experiences are the same. Sure everybody gets up and rides everyday but RAGBRAI is what you make of it. Ride fast, or slow, lots of stops or cruise right through, stay up late or get up early, lots of preparation or none at all. There are many different ways to RAGBRAI as long as you are enjoying yourself you are doing it right.