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Elmhurst Bicycle Club is the League of American Bicyclists' 2009 Bicycle Club of the Year for Region 4.

EBCers Party at Christmas

by Chuck Dean

With snow on the ground, it even felt like Christmas as the annual Christmas party was held at the Elmhurst Community Bank on Thursday, December 12th. We had a nice turnout of 50 to 60 people. Marge Ricke did an excellent job again of arranging the catering from Marino's in Wood Dale. Dishes included a wonderful salad, chicken, Italian beef, roasted potatoes, and pasta. Marge's careful planning included colorful table spreads which set the festive atmosphere. EBCers contributed a bountiful table of desserts.

Our members clearly felt free to carbo-load. I'm sure they all went out the next day to ride 30 miles. Or, maybe they 'paid ahead' with rides throughout 2013.

An Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce event on the first floor of the bank was still winding down making it necessary to scout for parking in nearby lots. But our members overcame this dilemma. Of course a hardy few, as usual, rode their bikes to the party. The more interesting dilemma was the absence of the usual supply of tables on the 2nd floor of the bank (many of the tables were being employed on the 1st floor in support of the Chamber). Enter Ken Hickey to the rescue! Ken was able to arrange to borrow tables from a business owned by his daughter, and have them delivered just in time. Marge and company quickly had them in place and decorated. Whew!

Thank you to Marge and Ken and all the members who contributed labor and desserts. It was a wonderful party!



(l. to r.) Marty, John R., Ron, Jeff



Paul, Jim H., Roland, Ted, Cheri



Michael, Al, Jim G., Dr. John, Kim, Ken



Marilyn, Mary Lee, Carole, x, John

Morton Arboretum Rides

by Chuck Dean

Pictures and slideshow, George Pastorino

More than ever in the past, EBCers have been taking advantage of the hardly-trafficked roads of the Morton Arboretum late in the season. Thanks go out to Dawn Piech for scheduling the "Just Say No--2 ur indoor trainer and spin class!" ride throughout December. Dawn invites, "Want to get a jump start on your 2014 cycling goals and season? Tired of riding the trainer in front of the T.V? This is your chance to continue to work on your endurance and hill training during the winter season. Come join us for a bike ride through the winding roads and rolling hills of the Morton Arboretum and enjoy the beautiful grounds during the winter season."

There were some very large turnouts (especially December 1, with 24 EBCers signing in), but later in the month -- even with much colder temperatures and some challenging road conditions -- EBCers continued to come out. However, the freezing drizzle which began an hour or so into the ride on December 28th finally persuaded most riders to call it a day. Even walking the bikes on some of the hilly roads, rideable an hour earlier, proved treacherous.

The Arboretum does not salt the roads (although they probably do salt the parking lot). Probably 95% of the east and west loops were comfortably rideable on all of the rides in December both for skinny-tire road bikes and the fatter-tire mountain and cross bikes. But the freezing drizzle made a few stretches unrideable, and even difficult to walk. It is interesting to note the residual effects of salting on the streets surrounding the arboretum. Park Boulevard and side streets in Glen Ellyn provided excellent traction despite having received the same precipitation.

There are more rides scheduled in January. Hope you can make it out!



EBCers Turn Out! Dawn, what a good idea.



Quiet, inviting roads loop through the east and west sides of the Arboretum.

[George P's Slideshow.](#)

Say it Ain't So

by Chuck Dean w/ contributions from a host of EBCers

Could anyone else's "retirement" generate as many responses as Ted Sward's announcement? Not likely. There have just been too many EBC members who have enjoyed Ted's Tours over the years. Can you believe 16 years?

Weighing in with many kind, thankful words: Susan S., George H., George P., Petra, Karen S., Betty B., John D., Marge R., Tony P., Connie K., Tom and Ginny; they all had some words of appreciation or encouragement. And you know that there is a silent majority out there that could have offered additional kind sentiments.



Ted Sward - We'll miss your leadership on the tours!

Susan gave us some memorable Ted quotes,

"If you are ahead of me, I assume you know where you are going."

"Now there's a person rushing to his funeral." As a speeding driver flies by

"If you keep moving, it is harder for the Grimm Reaper to catch you."

But I also liked Frieda's thought, which may apply to more of us than would we care to admit. "Aging. The ultimate extreme sport."

Thank goodness that we have had the opportunity to enjoy Ted and his Tours. And, let us appreciate the tours that other EBCers are also offering. Ted has given us a great example. Get out there and hike!



Always a good turnout when Ted leads.
Photo courtesy of Jerry S.

Chicago Protected Bike Lanes Among Top 10 in Country

Thanks to Bob Hoel for noting and sharing a link to an article about the Dearborn Street and Milwaukee Ave. protected bike lanes. An organization, peopleforbikes.org, declared these 2 lanes to be among the top 10 in the United States.

The *peopleforbikes* organization had this to say, "Chicago's 1.2-mile showpiece isn't the country's most sophisticated downtown bikeway because of its on-street markings, though they're excellent, or its quick-and-simple plastic-post barriers. The really remarkable thing about Dearborn is that bikes get their own traffic signals. Maybe that's why stoplight compliance has soared from 31 percent to 81 percent and bike traffic has more than doubled since the lane went in. Did we mention that one of its local fans has given the lane its own Twitter feed? We challenge any other street project in the country to inspire such devotion."



Dearborn St., Chicago, the protected bike lane.
Notice the Divvy bikes?

And Milwaukee Avenue earned the following, "The success of Milwaukee Avenue's new mile or so of better bike lanes, which combine physically protected lanes with stretches buffered by paint, is a lesson to planners: the best place to put a buffered lane isn't necessarily where you wish people would pedal, but where they're already pedaling. It's the same principle as sidewalks, which are built along desire lines that people naturally carve out. Biking is so important to Milwaukee Avenue that when this project came under fire, three local retail joints on the corridor piped up in its defense."

You can read the whole article via the following link and see the other 8 honored bike lanes around the country. <http://www.peopleforbikes.org/blog/entry/the-10-best-protected-bike-lanes-of-2013>

Weather permitting early in 2014, EBC ought to scout out, ride, and report on Chicago's honored bike lanes.

Jersey Credits Update

by Chuck Dean

An updated jersey credit table may be viewed in the table below. Some of our members used their credits recently either to pay for 2014 dues or for the recent wool jersey order placed in late December. EBCers highlighted in orange used credits to pay for jerseys while yellow highlights denote usage to pay for dues. (Note 1/4/14: this was edited as the editor erroneously had the color denotation reversed. cgd)

Count	Name	Amount	Count	Name	Amount
1			28	Karim Mouline	12.85
2	Carla Axt-Pilon	12.75	29	Sourahb Nagale	12.75
3	Martin Becker	12.85	30	Hank Niedballa	27.95
4	Mary Jo Bolan	15.10	31	Carol Nield	40.70
5	Betty Bond	-	32	Casey Omori	12.85
6	Mike Cabage	15.10	33	Cheri O'Riordan	27.95
7	Lorenzo Carminato	15.10	34	Maureen O'Rourke	15.10
8	Homer Coble	17.00	35	Baltimore Ortega	27.85
9	Elizabeth Collins	27.95	36	Roger Pardon	15.10
10	Mike Delaney	15.10	37	Paul Partianun	15.10
11	Jim Doheny	12.75	38	Roland Porter	-
12	Dave Dunwell	15.10	39	Tom Preston	10.70
13	Joanne Dybala	40.70	40	Wayne Price	15.10
14	Gerry Fekete	17.00	41	Paul Punchum	15.10
15	Bill Fisher	12.75	42	Nancy Rice	12.85
16	Ed Gin	15.10	43	Jerry Ringier	-
17	Larry Gitchell	12.85	44	Tom Schraeder	15.10
18	Fred Gnad	15.10	45	Bill Schwartz	27.95
19	Loren Habegger	12.85	46	Karen Schwartz	27.95
20			47	Julie Ann Sebastian	-
21	Petra Hofmann	15.10	48	Nancy Shack	15.70
22	Maria Kapusta	27.95	49	Al Stanke	32.70
23	Chuck La Greco	27.95	50	Ted Sward	12.85
24	Bruce Lloyd	15.10	51	Mike Trippiedi	25.60
25	Julie Mcmillian	15.10	52	Kathy Wagner-Selbach	57.70
26	Kim Messina	15.10	53	Ellen Weber	12.75
27	Judy Mikesell	10.70	54	Jeff Wincentzen	32.70

After usage for dues and jerseys, a total of \$935.10 remains in jersey credits.

Plan for Safety

By Chuck Dean

At the beginning of 2013, an increased emphasis was placed upon safety with the hope that we could be accident-free throughout the year. While we made it through the early riding season with green check marks (no accidents), we unfortunately encountered some red ones as we moved into summer.

January		February		March	
April		May		June	
July		August		September	

October



November



December



As we begin 2014, with New Year's Resolutions just behind us, we need to resolve to do better this year. Thanks to all who did their part this past year in keeping themselves and others safe.

Happy New Year! - Happy Safe Riding!

Meeting Minutes December

Board Minutes December 12, 2013

Present: Chuck Dean, Gerry Fekete, Cheri O'Riordan, John Stanaway, Cian Perez

1. **President:** No meeting was held as board members devoted themselves to helping set up the room for the annual party.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri O'Riordan
Club Secretary

EBC General Meeting Minutes December 12, 2013

Present: Chuck Dean, Gerry Fekete, Cheri O'Riordan, John Stanaway, Cian Perez

New Members: 0

Guests: Unknown

1. **President:** The President called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Community Bank of Elmhurst.
 - The President announced that the Board meeting was cancelled due to the need for setting up the room for tonight's annual holiday party.
 - The President thanked the ride leaders and the many volunteers who contributed their time over the past year by supporting rides and many events. The annual picnic, annual holiday party, IPP and GWT clean up, *Ride to Work* at the Metra stations, Elmhurst Farmer's Market are just a few.
2. **Secretary:** The minutes of the November 14, 2013 General Club Meeting were read and approved. The EBC monthly Board and General Club minutes can be viewed on the EBC website.
3. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer presented the Monthly Banking Summary (11/14/13 through 12/11/13). The listed income was \$913.89; expenses were \$1,354.84. At present, the balance in the treasury is \$15,506.04 with \$1,064.80 set aside for jersey credits. The Treasurer's report was accepted.
4. **VP/Ride Captain:** The VP/Ride Captain thanked everyone for their participation for leading and participating in the many rides during the past year.
5. **Membership Coordinator:** The Membership Coordinator thanked everyone for their support and participation in the club and stated that EBC was the largest and most active bicycle club in the Chicago area. He encouraged everyone to pay their 2014 membership dues if they have not already done so. He then presented the membership report: 231 individual memberships, 115 family memberships; 231 individual members, 285 family members for a total of 516 members.
6. **Mountain Bike Coordinator:** No Report.
7. **Advocacy:** (Please refer to the EBC website's *Advocacy* link or to Bob Hoel for further information). No report.
8. **Other:**
 - Susan Sperl spoke about the wool jersey order. She brought a sample for everyone to view and stated that there was still time to order one. She encouraged everyone to support our sponsors. J & R Cycle & Ski contributed six \$20 gift certificates. She also announced that on June 20, 2014, there will be a ride to White Pines State Park in Oregon, IL with a choice of riding either 66 miles or 100 miles each way. Details will follow at a later date.
9. **Refreshments:** Marge Ricke, Refreshments Coordinator arranged for tonight's delicious buffet from Marino's Catering in Wood Dale, IL. Many members contributed desserts. When the crew arrived to set up for the party, all the tables had disappeared for an event that was occurring in another part of the building! A big shout out to Ken Hickey and his daughter for arranging to have tables delivered so that everyone could sit while

- enjoying their meal.
10. **Program:** Annual Holiday Party
 11. The next EBC General Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. at the Community Bank of Elmhurst.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri O'Riordan
Club Secretary

Please submit articles and/or photos for the newsletter to Chuck Dean (cdean69033_aol.com). The deadline is the 20th of the month.

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(<http://www.elmhurstbicycling.org/about/membership.asp>)

January, 2014 • • • Club Rides

'Ride Schedule.' The most current ride schedule can be found on our website at <http://www.elmhurstbicycling.org/rides/currentRide.aspx>.

'Future Rides' (typically beyond the end of next month, if any exist) can be found on our website at <http://www.elmhurstbicycling.org/rides/futureRide.aspx>.

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