

The Cue Sheet

The Newsletter of the Elmhurst Bicycle Club Riding Strong in our 40th Year

October 2017



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

Our President's Message

Happy Autumn EBC! The first day of Fall has arrived...too bad someone forgot to tell Mother Nature! We have had 95 degree temps for the last five days....but weather does not stop EBC riders and all our many rides went off as planned.

This month I wanted to say something about the diversity of The Elmhurst Bike Club. We have really developed into so much more than just folks riding bikes although we do thousands of bike rides. The bike rides themselves are so diverse, we have blazing fast rides, slower easy rides, path rides, randonneuring, night rides, mountain bike rides, rides to eat, rides to breweries etc., etc. Petra leads rides to a multitude of very interesting locations like the one to the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. Lynn Korff leads great rides in Wisconsin like her Cream City 2017 CCCC in Waterford. Dawn Maxwell has the Lakefront rides down to a science



and they are so festive! Jeff Wincentsen leads twisty rides all throughout the suburbs and Chicago. I could go on and on..... But they would not fit in this article.

EBC is not limited to bike rides though...far from it. We have an great hiking program with hikes all over the country, snowshoeing, canoeing, cross country skiing, kayaking, running, and roller skating. The diversity of these events means there is always something for everyone no matter what your outdoor interests might be.

We also are an advocacy club that supports a plethora of cycling organizations such as Ride Illinois, League of American Bicyclists, etc. We provide support for bike races that donate to charity plus our members bike marshal a whole calendar of running races, we teach bike safety to children, run cleanup days on local bike paths and so much more. I am proud to be President of such a giving and diverse Bike Club.

I look forward to seeing you on the road or trail, George Pastorino President

> Grafton, WI by Betty Bond

Lynn Korff has developed into a super ride leader and can handle adverse riding conditions like a pro. These past two days (August 3rd and 4th) are a testament to that fact. Linnea, Cheri, Dawn, David, Coleen, Judy, and Betty really appreciated her skills while we were up in Grafton, WI. To begin with, it was raining when we were about to begin our ride on Thursday at 9 a.m. ...we waited for the downpours to subside and finally were able to ride at 11:30. Comfort Inn was glad to see us on our way as while in the lobby we were having the usual EBC good time, talking, laughing and carrying on. The ride to Milwaukee on the Ozaukee Interurban and Oak Leaf Trail was very enjoyable, passing through the beautiful Wisconsin countryside. We rode along the lakefront for a time and arrived at our restaurant stop just as it began raining again. We thought we were so lucky only to come out after the downpour to find all of our backpacks, bike bags, etc. drenched. We then headed out of Milwaukee and it started raining again with a vengeance. We put on our various rain gear and rode even though we could hardly see. We did stop at a little place that had an overhang that protected us for a time. Then we were off again. This was all worthwhile when we got to Cedarburg for homemade ice cream at Ashley's. We were amazed that the sun came out at that time...and we were almost dry when we arrived back at the Comfort Inn. Happy Hour was late this day due to the late start...but so very enjoyable.



Too much fun! Are they all wearing the same top?



The Ladies Salute

Friday turned out to be quite cold. In the 50's. So, with exchanged and borrowed shirts and jackets (Linnea got the award for the most layers and clothes worn) we ventured out again on the Interurban Trail heading north for Oostburg. And it rained again... After 15 miles we decided it wasn't much fun being cold and wet...so we turned around and had lunch at New Port Shores in Port Washington. They put us in a back room alone. I do believe that Comfort Inn phoned them to tell them of our robust conversations. After a great lunch we climbed onto the bikes and rode back to our vehicles at Comfort Inn where many of us changed out of our wet clothes into something dry for the ride home.

In spite of the rain and cold we had a wonderful time and not one complaint was heard. Lynn kept the group together very well and did a fantastic job of heading into the strong winds of 20+ mph on Friday. Judy worked as our sweep and did a great job as well.

My thanks go out to Lynn and all of the great riders/friends.



Club Jersey Order Window Closing October 5th

I am happy to report that we are up to 27 items ordered and have met the minimum requirement plus our first price break. Remember, the more we order the lower the price (25, 50 and 100 pieces ordered gives us another price break).

Final order date will be October 5, 2017, with a delivery in November around the 22nd. Here is the link to Voler: <u>http://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/18745</u>

Please note: the colors that appear on your computer are not the colors for the new jersey. The colors will be the same colors we have used for the other EBC jerseys. For example, the green on my computer shows up as khaki which is not the true green color that will be on the final product.

Thank you for your interest, Susan & Armie



Mary Jo Bolan led a lovely ride to the Woodridge location of the quilt show that Mary Lee St. Aubin told us about, Sunday, September 17. Mary Lee's passion is quilting and her quilts are exquisite. This photo shows our group with Mary Lee, standing in front of one of the quilts that she had on display. (Hers is the one on the right.)

Thanks MJ and ML for a special day.



Project Mobility "Everybody Rides" Ride by George Pastorino

Club sponsor and owner of Project Mobility put on a great ride today (Sunday, September 24). All funds go toward the purchase of specially adapted bicycles for disabled children and Wounded Warriors. Hal is one of the finest men that I have ever met and his organization is stellar. Read about them here: <u>https://www.projectmobility.org/</u>

The 62 mile route was awesome and the 92 degree heat was delightful. It was all low traffic country roads and beautiful scenery. It was a great day to be riding and helping others.....

Watch these 2 Videos to get a feel of the great things Project Mobility does...this first one is of Hal giving away 3 bikes today : <u>Project Mobility Bike Giveaway Today</u> and this young boy riding his new specially adapted Trike: <u>Child riding his Project Mobility donated Bike</u> Heart warming for sure :)

Here is video of the rest stop today : <u>Project Mobility Rest Stop</u>

And Finally.....EBC tandems on the ride: <u>EBC Tandems today</u>

Of course a number of EBCers were in attendance:



l-r: Ginny, Tom, Pravin, ??, Kim, Dr. John, Karen,??, Tracy!



George and Pussanee



Oscar and Tracy. Tracy was the ride leader for this ride.



Karen Kiley



Many riders were up tp the challenge!

Apple Cider Century Pre-ride by Lynn Korff

Today, Saturday, September 23, there were 9 EBC members who did not let the 90+ degree weather stop the ride. After the ride we had ice cream at the ice cream social and then gathered at Marge's for dinner. A good time was had by all.



Mountain Biking at Palos by George Pastorino

We had a great group of 11 mountain bikers today, Sunday, September 17, on our easy Single Track ride...

We escaped to the beautiful forest.... and enjoyed the quiet, peace and serenity with virtually no cars and trucks around..... you can enjoy this tranquility too.... just go out and buy a mountain bike today!!

Short video Kris crosses creek



EBC Mountain Bikers are up for adventure at Wolf Road Woods, Palos Forest Preserve!

Meeting Minutes September

Board Minutes September 14, 2017 Present: George Pastorino, Ken Hickey, Judy Mikesell, Kim Messina, Chuck Dean EBC General Meeting Minutes September 14, 2017 Present: George Pastorino, Ken Hickey, Judy Mikesell, Kim Messina, Chuck Dean.

- 1. **President:** Club membership renewal for 2018 has started, and members must renew by Dec 31, 2017 in order to receive club emails, and accrue miles for bike rides or hikes.
- 2. Vice President: The board was asked by Vince Gatto, Programs Director, if the club could purchase a projector for presentations at our club meetings. Each time we have had guest speakers, a projector has been needed and it has been difficult to find one to use. The Board passed a motion to purchase a projector for \$205.00, to be used for club meeting presentations. The renewal for RWGPS is up, and the Board passed a motion to renew our subscription for a cost of \$250.00. It was requested to have RWGPS speak at one of our meetings to answer questions on the use of and concerns about their product.
- 3. Membership Coordinator: Currently there are 504 members.
- 4. Treasurer: Monthly Banking Summary (dated 8/9/2017 9/13/2017): Total income: \$0.66; Total Expenses \$70.00; Total balance: \$11,031.20
- 5. Secretary: EBC Christmas Party will be held at Angelo's Restaurant the same night as our club meeting, Thursday Dec. 14, starting at 6:30 p.m. Angelo's is located at 241 North York Road in Elmhurst. There is parking along the side and behind the restaurant, as well in the parking garage across the street. The cost for club member is \$8.50 per person, and \$15.00 per guest. Sign up for the party can be done via Pay Pal, when paying your 2018 dues.
- 6. **Sponsorship:** no news.
- 7. Newsletter: Chuck Dean has announced that he will be resigning from his role as newsletter editor for our newsletter. An announcement will be made at the meeting, as well as a request for a new volunteer to step into this role. Chuck will assist with training whoever volunteers for this role.
- 8. Website/Database: Club Express, our new website, will soon be switched on for club membership renewal. There will be a learning process for everyone and training sessions will be set up before the major cutover to the rest of the new site.
- 9. Publicity: no news.
- 10. The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at J&R Cycles, 240 West St. Charles Road in Villa Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Messina Club Secretary The General Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Community Bank of Elmhurst.

- 1. **President:** October 12, Club meeting will be held at J&R Cycles, 240 West St. Charles Road in Villa Park.
- 2. Vice-president/Ride Captain: There have been a lot of rides being posted with the weather as nice as it's been. There will soon be Ride Leader training, for those who want to learn how to lead rides. Club Express, our new website host, will require a different procedure to list rides. There will be training on this before it is turned on.

3. Secretary Report:

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• Active Trans is presenting 3 training programs for interested citizens to advocate for safe and better access for Biking/Walking Every Town. Elmhurst's program is Oct. 7 at the Elmhurst Library. There are programs scheduled Oct. 21 in Schaumburg, and Oct. 28 in Flossmoor. Go to:

activetrans.org/BikeWalkEveryTown for more details

4. Membership Coordinator:

- Total members: 504
- Meeting attendance: 38 members

• Membership dues will be collected from Oct 1 through Dec 31. To keep our club benefits, make sure to renew between these dates.

- Door prize winners:
 - + \$25.00 J&R certificate Michele Beck
 - + David Milan socks
 - + Nancy Shack jacket
 - + John Zimmerman jacket
- 5. **Tonight's refreshments:** Gary and Donna Busching, and contributions from Sue Hickey.
- 6. **Refreshment Coordinators**: Donna and Gary Busching.
- 7. **Treasurer:** Monthly Banking Summary (dated 8/9/2017 9/13/2017): Total income: \$0.66; Total Expenses \$70.00; Total balance: \$11,031.20
- 8. Awards and Club Attire: Armaline is in the back of room with Voler jersey samples for anyone who is interested in ordering the new jersey. Orders will be taken through Oct. 5. Go to the Voler website using this link to order:

http://www.voler.com/custom/ordering/li/18745

- 9. **Sponsorship:** no news, due to Sponsor chairs are on vacation
- 10. Advocacy Chair: no report.
- 11. Sergeant at Arms: Sue Hickey. Send photos to her for entry into our new data base.
- 12. Newsletter Editor: Chuck Dean has announced his retirement from the post as Editor of the EBC newsletter, after 8 years. Chuck has done an amazing job as editor, adding interesting articles and photos from club members, and providing us with a professional looking newsletter. Thank you Chuck, for your attention to detail and contributions of your creative talents. After the above announcement was made, a request for a volunteer was made. Club member Kris Nicoletto raised her hand, and volunteered to step up to the role as Editor of the EBC Newsletter. Thank you Kris!
- 13. **Programs**: Should members have any ideas for guest speakers or bike related topics to be presented at our meetings, please contact Vince Gatto.
- 14. Safety Chairman: no message, due to Safety Chair on vacation,
- 15. **Mountain Bike Coordinator:** Weather is great, trails are open. A variety of mountain bike rides are being posted to join us for rides.
- 16. Website/Database Team: Progress is being made on the new EBC website with Club Express. Next week, membership renewal page will be cutover for

use on the new website. This will be a more efficient way to register for members and the Membership Coordinator in the long run. The enrollment for 2018 begins Oct. 1 and runs through Dec. 31. The new website will take time for everyone to learn how to navigate, and there will be lots of questions. Please understand that it will be turned on in phases, and training programs will be scheduled.

- 17. Publicity: No news.
- 18. Tonight's Program: EBC's Bill Fisher will present slides from his 2,500 mile / 35 day bike adventure with his daughter, from Northern California, to British Columbia.
- 19. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 12, 2017, at 7:15 p.m. at J&R Cycles, 240 West St. Charles Road in Villa Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Messina Club Secretary

Please submit articles and/or photos for the newsletter to Chuck Dean (cdean69033_aol.com). The deadline is the 25th of the month.

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Interested in joining EBC? Membership Application (http://www.elmhurstbicycling.org/about/membership.asp)

October, 2017 **Club Rides**

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

