

RBBC Newsletter- January 2019

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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.

Club Officers:

Co-President – Chad Jensen

Co-President- Annis Bear

Treasurer- Randey Meir

Membership- Joe Raymaker

RAGBRAI Chair- John Bonte

Newsletter- Zane Pennock

Upcoming RBBC Ride Schedule:

- February 16th: Full Moon Ride to the Winter Extravaganza
- March 23: Icicle Bicycle

NEXT MEETING: Winter Extravaganza: Tuesday, February 19th at Manny's Too 6PM.

RBBC: Winter Full Moon Extravaganza

Tuesday February 19th we will be hosting our Winter Extravaganza! Join us at Manny's Too in Fulton for a night spent amongst club friends and fellow bike enthusiasts, and their tacos are pretty good too! It just so happens that this falls right around a full moon so if you want to brave the elements we encourage everybody to bundle up for a ride! There is no fee to participate, no food will be provided.

Members are encouraged to bring friends and relatives. The club is interested in recruiting new members, and will offer a drawing for a prize for any member who brings a friend who enrolls in club membership. Members or guests should think of stories they can tell about rides they've been on, or anything out of the ordinary or interesting relating to their bicycling experiences. Members are asked to renew their yearly memberships at this time, if they haven't already done so.

New Year, new approach to Trails

--Cyclist sitting alone

****Bodiless voice**** Greetings!

--Startled Cyclist looks around for the source of the voice.

****Bodiless Voice**** Another year and another season of roadwork. It never fails, the roads picked this year will inevitably hinder your daily commute in one way or another. Doesn't that annoying road construction always seem unavoidable?

--Cyclist nods head

****Bodiless Voice**** But there is a method behind the madness, and the goal is not just to make your life hell.

--Cyclist looks perplexed.

****Bodiless Voice:** Believe it or not these road projects are planned out years in advance. That's because of the process that is in place. Because these are capital projects there exists plans that outline the upcoming sewer and road projects year after year. During the late fall and winter months the City Council and staff examine the list of capital projects proposed for the year and decide on the final list.

-- Cyclist gesticulates to bike sitting next to them.

****Bodiless Voice**** Glad you asked! In years past bike lanes and trails have often gone accounted for. Simply put they tend to fall through the cracks because they haven't really had representation at the 'bargaining' table. That is until now!

--The Cyclists ears perk up.

****That's right recently the Clinton City Council made the decision to appoint a Trails Advisory Committee whose responsibility it is to advise them on recreation trails and bike lanes as well as sidewalk infill. This includes trail maintenance, trail standards, new construction and planning of future bike trails and lanes.**

--Cyclists grins from ear to ear

****Providing a voice for trails will not only be advantageous for area cyclists but everybody living in town will benefit!**

--Cyclist confused look returns.

****Bodiless Voice**** Trails don't just provide a dedicated area for cyclists to use but they have proven to benefit everybody in the community. Dedicated bike facilities trails, or bike lanes make the roads safer. A network of connected bike trails increases bike frequency and makes transportation via bike easier, safer and more desirable. Trails create a large economic boon to local businesses as cyclists spend more money per mile than their counterparts driving cars. Finally trails can be used by cyclists, runners and walkers providing an easy healthy recreational activity for all.

--Ecstatic cyclists begins gearing up to ride

****Bodiless Voice**** Woooh, hold on! There's 8" of snow on the ground.

--Downtrodden cyclists shoulders visibly slump.

****Bodiless Voice**** Bundle up Sport and ride safe!

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