

Pedal Power

March 2019

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March Membership Meeting

Please join us at the March membership meeting to learn what's new for 2019! Please note the new location below!

Date: Monday, March 18th

Location: **Total Wine and Spirits @ '84 South'**
8700 W. Sura Lane (84th and Layton)
Greenfield 53228

Time: 6:30PM Free Wine Tasting***

7:00PM Membership Meeting

***RSVP REQUIRED - SEE BELOW

The meeting will be held in the classroom located in the back right corner of the store. Total Wine offers this room free of charge to community groups though **they do ask that no outside beverages be brought into the store.**

Following our usual business meeting, we'll unveil the 2019 ride schedule and announce some exciting plans for the upcoming season! While there aren't nearly the number of changes as last year, join us to hear about:

- A few familiar routes which have been fine tuned
- A new and improved starting location for a popular route
- Slight tweaks to (hopefully) improve our cue sheets
- An opportunity for our hill lovers to earn some extra rider points
- New opportunities to gather at some of our favorite post ride venues for a beverage or a bite to eat

Afterwards there will be an opportunity to request assistance or ask questions regarding Ride with GPS.

*****Optional complimentary wine tasting at 6:30PM (RSVP REQUIRED).** Enjoy two sample pours of featured wines prior to the club meeting. **You DO NOT need to RSVP to attend the meeting, but if you'll be joining for the wine tasting, please send a note to ajsikorski@hotmail.com no later than March 16th** so we can provide the store with a count.

Hope to see you there!



It was nice to see everyone who attended the February Pizza Party. Thanks to everyone that helped put this event together, especially Diane Yurasovich and Sharon Stephens. (The cowboy hats were a nice touch). We conducted a short survey at the party to help us determine what we can do to increase attendance at our meetings. See the results below.

Pizza Party attendance was down compared to last year, but I don't think we need a survey to figure out why: we are not a snowmobile club. And we will be looking for a new venue for next year with easier parking, and maybe a heated room? Let us know if you have any suggestions.

Our next membership meeting is Monday March 18. This is the meeting where we roll out the yearly schedule and discuss changes, new routes, etc.

I know it's a little challenging to think about bicycling when snow is covering the bike lanes, and parked cars take up half a lane because the snow is covering the other half, and then temperatures drop below zero.....IN MARCH!!

So, to add a little incentive for you to attend the March membership meeting, the meeting will be held at Total Wine and Spirits at 84th and Layton. The meeting will be preceded by a FREE wine tasting! This was Andy's idea (I think he has a hidden agenda to put everyone in a good mood before he unveils the 2019 ride schedule).

See Andy's article for more details.

The meeting will also be your last chance to sign up to work our booth at the Wheel and Sprocket Expo. And don't forget to opt in for the new email service, we will be shutting the old service down soon and anyone who has not opted in will no longer receive our emails.

Stay warm and think spring.

And remember, let's have fun out there.

Joe



Membership Notes

By Mike Smiley

It's time to renew your club membership for the 2019 ride season. Current memberships are up at the end of the month. If you renew now, I can give your membership card to you at the upcoming membership meeting if you're present.

I encourage you to use the club website to renew your membership. I think it's easier for you and for me.

We had one new member join in the past month. Please welcome Jill Kenehan-Krey to the club.



The BVBC board is changing the way it sends email communications to the membership. The current method is cumbersome and needs to be replaced. Using [Google Groups](#) will make it easier to manage the list of recipients and to send out emails.

I have already sent invitations to the Bay View Bicycle Club Google Group out to all current members. About 140 members have already accepted the invitation, but around 60 of you have not. If you have already accepted the invite, thanks. For those of you who missed seeing the invitation or have not accepted it yet, it has expired and I will have to send you another invitation. I will do that after this newsletter has been published and you've had a chance to read this.

It is important that you accept the invitation when it arrives. This will become the primary method for communication from the board (regarding rides, meetings, social events, etc.). Please accept it so you do not miss any important messages.

Mike

Membership Chair

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BVBC Valentine's Day Ride
By Linda Roessl



Did you know Bay View Bicycle Club offers rides all year round? Six cyclists enjoyed a refreshing ride for the Valentine's Day ride on Saturday, February 16th. Andy provided a route that was short and sweet just 16 miles. It seemed like we were going uphill all the way but really it was due to infrequent saddle time. It was a casual ride so we stuck together and chatted along the way. The road conditions were good and offered room for riding in the bike lanes. We were a little bit more cautious with the pot holes and expansion joints which are a riders concern even in the summer months. We all dress for the weather even in the summer months, so dress for the weather and get out for a ride soon.

Milwaukee's Oak Leaf Trail

Submitted by Mike Dix (from Bay View Historical Society calendar of events)



Bay View resident and author **Jill Maher** will present a talk on her book "Milwaukee County's Oak Leaf Trail: A History" for the Bay View Historical Society and the general public at the Brinton **Community Center** * - 2555 **South Bay Street in Bay View** on **Monday April 1st at 6:30 pm**. *The program is free to the public.* For information visit www.bayviewhistoricalsociety.org

The beloved Oak Leaf Trail encompasses over 125 miles of paved trails, parkways, and roadways through county parks, including local parks Humboldt, South Shore, Warnimont and Grant.

The book provides the previously untold insights and the history of this natural escape for hikers, runners, bicyclists and other trail users. Hear how local government cooperated to make the trail a reality. The book will be published by The History Press and will be available by mid-April. It features the photography, oil painting and song lyrics from several talented Bay View residents.

During this program WAMI-nominated local singer/songwriter John Stano (www.johnstano.com) will perform his new song "Meet me on the Oak Leaf."

For additional information contact 262-951-1915/ healingqueen19@gmail.com

**Not the Beulah Brinton House*



Emery's Ladies Night

Sharon Stephens

Bay View Bicycle Club was one of the many vendors at Emery's Ladies Night. I want to say a big THANK YOU to Linda Roessl for taking the time to volunteer at our booth. Linda did an amazing job! She loves to talk. She talked to a lot of ladies that sound very interested in our club and, hopefully, we will see some of them this season. Can we count on you for this event again next year, Linda?

Emery's had many other vendors, speakers, discounts throughout the store, along with Wisconsin cheese and wine. There were classes on changing a flat tire, bike safety and training. Wisconsin Bike Fed was handing out cards on bike rules and AAA was there reminding everyone they will pick you up if your bike breaks down with their membership.

It was an event-filled ladies night! Best of all, Linda and I won door prizes!



BIKE EXPO SALE
April 4-7th Wisconsin State Fair Park
 Wheel & Sprocket
THU 5PM-9PM FRI 12PM-9PM SAT 10AM-8PM SUN 11AM-5PM *Free Admission!*

By Rich Temple

W & S Bike Expo Booth Volunteer Opportunity



Do you love to ride your bike?

Do you love to ride with your friends in the BVBC?

Does your face light up when you get the chance to tell people about the fun times we have at the BVBC?

If you answered “YES” to these questions, we have the perfect volunteer opportunity you!! The Wheel and Sprocket Bike Expo will be held this year on April 4th – 7th and the Bay View Bicycle Club will once again have an informational booth set up to answer questions about our club. We are looking for volunteers to fill time slots on each day. Each of the time slots will be 2 – 3 hours long and we would like to have two volunteers for each shift. This is a terrific opportunity to share your love of cycling and to possibly help our club grow.

If this sounds interesting to you, I will have more information (and a sign-up sheet) at our February Pizza Party and at the March Membership Meeting. You may also contact me by phone (262-366-6371) or email (rtemple161@gmail.com).

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Rich Temple



Memorial Day Weekender 2019



By Linda Roessl

Don't let the 49 inches of snowfall in northern Wisconsin scare you off. All that snow will melt by the end of May. The weather will be sunny and warm for bicycling on Memorial Day weekend. The Vilas County bike trails and roads are very inviting. I have created some new routes to preview before the August rerun. This is your chance to enjoy the Northwoods with other Bay View bike club (BVBC) members and their friends. Don't miss your chance on this BVBC adventure; Memorial Day weekend happens once a year. Take advantage of this out of town group ride. Mark your calendar for May 24th through May 27th in the Northwoods. Feel free to contact me at roessll@hotmail.com if you have any questions.



2019 Pizza Party

Sharon Stephens

Thank you everyone who came to the pizza party. It was nice to see everyone. We had some new people come and check out what our club is all about. Hopefully, we will continue to see them through our biking season. We hope everyone had a good time. We will be looking for a new place to have the pizza party next year, so if you have any suggestions, please let me know.

We had some awesome door prizes this year. Thanks to Emery's Bike and Fitness, South Shore Cyclery and Wheel and Sprocket for their donations.

A special thanks to Jill Litzenberg for taking pictures that night.

Looking forward to having more social events throughout the year. If anyone has any suggestions, please email me and we'll try to do our best to make it happen!





2019 Membership Survey Results

We asked for your feedback and here is what you said:

1) What is your preference for the location of regular club meetings?
Survey said: A place where food & beverages are available

2) On what day of the week would you like our bi-monthly meeting to be held?
Survey said: The third Monday of the month (per last year's schedule)

3) Would you prefer to hold the year end banquet at:
Survey said: Restaurant/Pub with paying for part of your meal

4) If interested in joining a regularly scheduled week night ride this season, what day would you prefer?
Survey said: Wednesdays



Newsletter

By Diane Yurasovich

Well, this is my first attempt at creating our newsletter, I hope you enjoy it. Don't forget, all club members are welcomed **and encouraged** to submit articles of interest and pictures to the newsletter.

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Thanks Dean for keeping our website updated!
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Facebook

Check out our club Facebook page for up-to-date information and events.

Bike Fed Group Riding Information



Please see the link below for the Bike Fed's brochure on group riding safety. It is a great learning tool for new riders and a good refresher for seasoned riders. Let's be safe out there!

<http://wisconsinbikefed.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2013-GROUPRIDINGREV.pdf>

A Word About Your Electronic Information

Your privacy is important to us. We don't share any of our membership information with anyone. We don't sell or forward your email address to any outside organizations. The BVBC board has decided not to make our member names, addresses or e-mails available electronically to members. We will continue to print a paper membership directory available in June. With very few exceptions, all of the e-mails you get from us will be directly related to club activities

Please don't ask us to forward any e-mails to our membership. We don't do that. If you would like to share your experiences about a particular ride, feel free to do that in the newsletter. Many bicycle event organizers ask us to forward information about their ride to our members. In order to limit the number of e-mails you get from the club, we don't forward e-mails from outside organizations. We will publish information about rides, events etc if it is submitted to the newsletter.



Let's Be Safe Out There!