



Pedalwheeling

Monthly Newsletter of the Quad Cities Bicycle Club — April 2013



Last year's Criterium

Courtesy of The Dispatch/Argus

Criterium volunteers needed

By Donnie Miller

The Quad Cities Bicycle Club's annual Criterium is coming up on Memorial Day weekend, with bike races, vendors and the Great Big Bike Rodeo. .



Ten Speeds Productions is bringing new state-of-the-art equipment to capture exciting sprint finishes, plus two canopies and an awards stage in the middle. This year, we'll do expanded ceremonies at the end of each race for podium photos by QCBC's Ken Urban, and our podium girls are from SK Models.

We'll be expecting pro teams again this year, so stay tuned to see who is slated to appear. We will be a USA Cycling Road Development Race Series (RDRS) race this year, with the continuation of the U23 race. That means we'll be part of the RDRS (this replaces the Lance Armstrong Juniors Road Race Series) in ages ranging from 10 to 23, which gives Juniors series

points for possible inclusion into USA training camps.

Kenny Labbe will be back announcing, with Kim West from the "Kim West Radio Cycling Show" in Des Moines, announcing and awarding the "Most Aggressive Riders." We'll also have a Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard, our own Sandy Wohlford singing the National Anthem, Rock Island Mayor Dennis Pauley speaking and starting the Men's Feature Race.

We also will have vendor booths with a variety of food, drink and memorabilia. There again will be secured bicycle valet parking behind the start/finish area with an attendant or two on hand. We can keep your bike safe while you work and enjoy the races.

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Mission Statement: To promote, encourage, and support the safe participation in bicycle riding of all ages and abilities; to anticipate and address the needs and interests of all aspects of bicycling in the Quad Cities area.

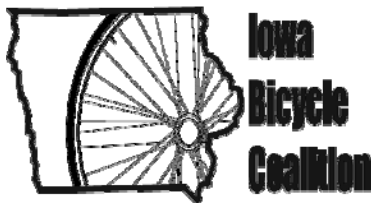
Club Meetings: Are held twice a year at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of March and October. For program information, call Denise Duethman at (309) 721-7276

Submitting Articles for Newsletter: Deadline is the 15th of the month. Please limit your article to 1 page in length. Email it to Jackie Chesser at qcbceditor@yahoo.com Free want ads are available for members. Commercial ads are available at the following rates: ¼ page or less - \$25, ½ page - \$50, and a full page - \$100. Email ad requests to club treasurer Darlene Moritz at dmoritz@access.net. After working out payment with her, mail payment to the club treasurer at the address in the box in the upper right hand corner.

Major Activities of the Club Include: Tailwind Century in Spring and Fall, Spring Picnic, QC Criterium Bike Races on Memorial Day, Tour of the Mississippi River (TOMRV) in June, charter bus service on RAGBRAI in July, Du-State-Du Duathlon in August, Heartland Century in September and our Annual Dinner in November.

Benefits of Being a Club Member Include: 12 issues of Pedalwheeling per year, annual membership Directory booklet, discounts at QC area bike shops, and discounts on TOMRV and Heartland Century registration fees.

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Hear talk on German bicycle tour April 14

St. Ambrose University professor Scot Heisdorffer will discuss "My Saddle Soars, A Germanic Bicycle Tour," at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the German American Heritage Museum, 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport.

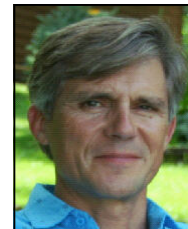
The presentation will last 45 minutes to one hour. He will share stories of cycling in Germany. Admission is \$5 for those under 62 and \$4 for those 62 and over.

For more information, call the museum at 563-322-8844 or visit gahc.org.



Let's Ride!

John Harrington, QCBC president



I hope the robins survive; we've ridden in some colder than normal temps lately.

Cruising the Celtic Isles. On Saturday, March 16, Joe Jamison and his trusty crew of merry leprechauns held our club's first big ride of the year. Surprisingly, with temps in the low 30s, we had almost as many riders as we did last year with temps over 60.

Either we'll ride in any weather or we just like Joe's ride. I think it's both. It was great to see parents and kids on such a brisk morning tackling 20-plus windy miles. Several potential QCBC members also joined us. For those that have not tried this ride in the past, put it on your calendar next year. It's a social, relaxing mid-pacer with fellow riders like you that are just to hit the roads.

Volunteers. So, what are the four sweetest words club presidents like to hear? "May I volunteer for...?" At the start of our CCI ride, Denise Clark asked if she could volunteer for our upcoming Spring Tailwind ride. Of course I said "yes." Despite tough weather conditions, she's handled sag stops for us in the past while her husband, Richard, rides with others. Thanks Denise.

Three-Foot Passing Law. How many times have you been "buzzed" by a vehicle while bicycling in Iowa? Any close calls? Here's your chance to take action. Iowa's senators and Congress members are deliberating the addition of a 3-foot passing law. All the info you need to send an email to voice your support is at qcbc.org. Just scroll the page until you find the article. It will be worth your time.

Volunteers needed for the QC Criterium

By Donnie Miller
Criterium director

Every year the Quad Cities Criterium needs about 250 volunteers to make the event run smoothly. But, just as sponsorship solicitation is difficult, recruiting volunteers is just as hard.

Without our wonderful volunteer crew, we would not have been able to make our race one of the feature races of the national bicycle racing scene. That's why I'm reaching out to you. If you'd like to volunteer for our event in one of these areas please contact the list chairman:

- Corner marshal and crossing guards - Dean Mathias, 309-737-8429 (c), mathiasdebdean@peoplepc.com
- Bicycle rodeo - William Huntsberger, 563-340-9777 (c), Sa1nTSw1th1N@aol.com
- Bicycle valet - need a chairman, let me know if you're interested
- Kid's bike/trike race registration/staging - William Huntsberger, 563-340-9777 (c), Sa1nTSw1th1N@aol.com
- Racer registration - Jane Garrett, 563-441-9115, jandj97@mchsi.com
- Prize desk - Darlene Moritz, 563-210-0345 (c), dmoritz@access.net
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- Wheel pit - Manny Martinez, 309-912-5990 (c), manuelmarcus@gmail.com
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Volunteers will receive bicycle valet parking, a race T-shirt, \$6 in vendor coupons for a meal and a drink, and one night's free entry to the Gumbo YaYa Festival in The District www.gumboyayafestival.com.

If you can help, please contact us. Our QCBC Volunteers are what make all QCBC events spectacular.





Pushing for Pedaling

Promoting bicycling advocacy

By *Chuck Oestreich*

Like an emerging spring blossom, Quad-Cities bicycling is ready to flower. The streets, avenues, lanes, sharrows, and paths are ready for two-wheeled transportation. So jump on your bike and use them.

As usual, the seasonal gas price lottery is soaring sky high. Your bike transportation won't put a skid to it, but it will help your personal cash flow problem.

Bike transportation involves no gas, no major repair costs, no parking costs, and you don't have to have the latest 28-speed, light weight, multi-thousand dollar zoomer – or a costly Lycra uniform.

And using a bike for getting around the city delivers you right to your destination. No circling around and around the block searching for a space, and no traipsing through parking lots. Lock your bike near the entrance – or to a bike rack if one is available - and go about your business.

As for fitness, the Quad-Cities has it made. Our bluffs make it easy to get a short workout close to home. Or go up and down them if you really want to work up a sweat. Think of them as positives, not negatives. But if they still are formidable for you, try mass transit. It will take you and your bike up that hill just like that.

Make a vow this year. Don't drive to riverfront paths with your bike on a bike rack. Combine riding through the city with a trail tour. Use bike transportation to make bike recreation worth while.

But, whatever, use the facilities we have. Our city officials are pushing to make city living an easy and safe pedal. Don't let them down by just spinning your wheels – or even worse opting for a car in situations where a bike will do so much better.

You know the cliché about the squeaky wheel. Well, you've got two of them. Use them and let city hall hear the sound of growing bike traffic. Park around stores and destination entrances, and let the crowd of bikes trumpet the utility of bikes. Use marked lanes or sharrows to get around easily and contribute to motorists' education.

Prove the nay-sayers wrong. You've heard people complain, "These bike lanes, why there's no one using them." Answer them by riding the lanes every chance that you can. Let the cry change to, "These bicycles, why there's so many of them that I have to slow down." Help motorists learn that slowing down and sharing the road isn't bad.

But the best thing about using a bike for city transportation is that it's fun. It's the epitome of what biking should be about: enjoying a nice ride without racing or special gear as you go to a purposeful destination. And you get to enjoy the ambiance of the city at the same time.

Listen to the sounds and smell the aromas of your environment. Note the birds calling and swooping; hear the kids playing tag and jump rope; smell the fragrant floral life bursting out of the ground or from trees and bushes; say hello to walkers, joggers, or fellow bikers. Stop and talk to people you see. You don't have to park and dislodge yourself from a car to do so. It's so easy and natural on a bike.

Note improvements in the neighborhoods you ride through and follow the progress of changes being made. But above all, enjoy the euphoria of endorphins coursing through your veins, bringing heightened awareness of your body and your community life – and, incidentally, a higher level of joy and happiness.

Don't be bemused by transportation problems; let bike transportation do just the opposite – amuse.

One warning, however. Don't forget you're an adult and not a kid. Ride with the rules, not helter-skelter as you did as a youngster around your block. Follow all the regulations you've heard so often and know so well. Helmet, stop sign, ride on the right, no bunching or riders, no weaving through traffic, etc.

In other words, don't abuse the privilege (and right) of being able to use the streets and avenues of your city as a responsible adult. You don't drive as you did when you were a teenager. Don't bike like you still are. Don't succumb to abusing your transportation rights.

This spring – and all year round, for that matter – use bike transportation. Let it give you joy, even amusement, and a heightened appreciation of everyday life.

Members man QCBC booth at Arsenal health fair

About 1,100 people passed by the QCBC table at the Rock Island Arsenal Health Fair on Feb 13. Helping promote the club and local cycling opportunities were Chuck Oestreich, Dean 'Bareback' Mathias, Charles Curry and Tom Scott.

April in QCBC Bicycling history

By Joe Jamison

Bicycling trivia:

It's April and time for spring cleaning, but be careful of what you toss as junk. That rusted, tireless unrideable two-wheeler that grandpa left in his barn or garage could be worth a lot of money.

For example, in 2008, a 1890's Tiffany silver-mounted bicycle with carved ivory handlebars went for \$57,000 at auction. In a 1999 London auction a 1890's diamond-frame safety bicycle with spring-tired wheels went for \$170,000 in today's dollars. "Yikes, stop that trash truck!"

Quotes from the past:

"There are so many fads in this sport. One good way to figure out if something is a fad is if it costs a lot." -George Mount (Message: collectors are not necessarily cyclists)

QCBC events/happenings from the past:

- **1973:** The Criterium Committee always has problems securing sponsorship to fund the event and 1973 was no exception. Even Deere & Co. was approached with little benefit.

- **1983:** A letter from John Marino (creator of RAAM) was published in the newsletter announcing the broadcast on ABC's "Wild World of Sports" of the first RAAM. Marino encouraged cyclists to watch and if they enjoyed the program to write ABC with their compliments. As it turned out, the program was an award-winning effort, plus the route that year came right through the heart of the Quad Cities.

- **1993:** This was the month the now famous "Worlds First Official Winter Tailwind Adventure" was documented. Held in February, the route went from Davenport to Van Wert, OH. Leading two other unsuspecting innocents was Carter Lebeau. It's a good read.

- **2003:** Wayne Hanno announced the May running of the second "Balltown Classic" in the April newsletter. This double century was/is the brainchild of John Thier, longtime QCBC member and is perhaps the most scenic and challenging double in the area. It continues to draw endurance cyclists to this day.

Clarification: In the March newsletter, we reported that Jerry and Sparky's would open their new bike shop in April, and alluded to the fact that 30 years was a long career. This is misleading. We should have said that their business started in 1966. Yes, 30 years is a long time, but not nearly as long as 47. Congratulations Neff family.



Sign up for May 4 Spring Tailwind Century

By Don Luth

Join us for 2013 Spring Tailwind Century Ride on Saturday, May 4.

We'll start to load bikes at Ben Butterworth Parkway at 6:30 a.m. and leave at 7 a.m. for our starting destination. There will be two buses, with a limit of about 90 people. The drive normally takes about two hours. Once there, we'll unload the bikes and send you on your way after handing out cue sheets.

We will have a secure area (probably a locked trailer) for any gear you don't want to haul back on your bike. The entry fee is \$25. There will be a basic sag stop about 50 to 60 miles into the ride, with water, Gatorade, sub sandwiches and other goodies.

Every route has plenty of small towns with services along the way if you need a full lunch. If you are planning on riding, please sign up at Get Me Registered after April 1st. The Tailwind Committee is comprised of Dave Thompson, Janette Harrington and Don Luth.

For sale

Two Trek men's bikes. 18-inch road bike, 2000 with vector wheels and carbon fork, and 700 17-inch hybrid, both in great shape. Call Dodie Robers, 309-792-1954.

QCBC makes \$1,000 donation to Dream Team

By Dixon Novy

To raise funds for RAGBRAI's Dream Team, the QCBC RAGBRAI Preferred Charter Service held a jersey raffle during last year's Charter Service registration. People could buy a \$5 chance to win an official RAGBRAI jersey. Dean "Bareback" Mathias was last year's winner.

The Dream Team is a non-profit that allows Des Moines area youth, who otherwise would not have the chance, to experience the fellowship, accomplishment and goal-setting that participation in RAGBRAI brings.

Although we did not set any goals of what to expect in our first year of the fundraising event, we knew the QCBC might be able to add more to the kitty.

Through the efforts of club president John Harrington, the QCBC's Community Service Budget Team was asked to contribute to the cause.

The result was a \$1,000 check given to the Dream Team at the Iowa Bicycle Summit and Expo on Jan. 27. It will take one youth from winter training to their Mississippi River tire dip on the final day of RAGBRAI.

This year, we are expanding the jersey raffle to include Lottery Holder Charter guests, in hopes of raising more money. See our Charter Service web pages for details and our "Charter Service for Lottery TAG Holders" registration form. For more information on the Dream Team or to make an online donation, visit dreamteamdsm.org. Donations also can be mailed to RAGBRAI/Dream Team, PO Box 622, Des Moines, IA 50303



Dream Team mentor John Washburn, left, accepts a check from QCBC member Dixon Novy

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Ride the Challenge set for Aug. 17

By Dick Grimm

The annual Ride The Challenge Ride to help the Miracles Can Happen Boys Ranch in Wilton, Iowa, will be held Aug. 17. I hope you will consider doing the Challenge Ride this year.

If you have ridden it before, we hope you will be back to ride on our new date. Last year we changed the date to a warmer weekend. Even though we had a rainy forecast, with occasional light showers, we had 25 hardy riders with three doing the full century.

This year, we have moved the Challenge to Aug. 17, to catch the warmer weather and hopefully fairer skies. We also are trying to avoid as many conflicting activities as possible. With the route roads resurfaced last year, the routes should be better and smoother to ride.

The routes go through a variety of towns heading towards the Wapsi River valley. There are four main routes of 25-, 55-, 75-, and 100-miles plus the flexibility to adjust route lengths as needed. We also have four sag stops along the routes with plenty of Hy Vee pastries and sub sandwiches for the longer routes.

With the pastries, pies and cakes that were donated, a rider could easily finish on a sugar high.

This year, we again will start with a homemade breakfast prepared by Jim and Cathy Fry, with the help of the ranch staff and the young men of the ranch. We also will have after-ride root beer floats with pie and cakes available with a tax deductible "Love" donation.

This will be our 8th Challenge Ride and our main goal is to provide great ride routes plus a chance to meet Jim and Cathy and the young men at "The Miracles Can Happen Boys Ranch." There always are great things going on at the ranch and this is a great way to talk to the boys and hear what changes are taking place.

The Miracles Can Happen Boys Ranch is a Christian Home atmosphere designed to help troubled boys suffering personal problems in their lives. The ranch doesn't receive any government aid, so it's through donations and fundraisers like the ride that they generate money to handle the costs associated with taking care of the young men.

As always, the boys are at the registration, the breakfast and sag stops. Some talk freely and some are more reserved. But every year they never fail to be amazed that people will come out and pay to ride miles of hilly roads to help them. Most riders find the boys enjoy meeting everyone. I have found that most times they want someone to care and listen.

Riders can register online, or download a registration form at the ranch website: www.mchboys.com. The cost is \$20 for those who register by Aug. 3, or \$25 after Aug. 3 until the day of the ride. Early registrants will receive a free t-shirt. Registrations and all donations are tax deductible.

Bill Telle, left, Kim Peifer and Denita Ree, right, rode 100 miles on last year's Challenge ride.



QCBC Yahoo Group for email

By Donnie Miller

For those who aren't members, we formed a Yahoo Group called QCBC for communicating to other QCBC members in 2009. Once you join the group, you can easily communicate about anything bicycling in the Quad-Cities through your e-mail.

It works just like sending a regular email, except everyone in the group receives the email, rather than having to send it to multiple addresses each time, or monitor a web site or forum. It's monitored, but open for conversation about cycling.

I send an email invite to join the group, and you'll be set. If you need help, email me at bcycleraer@mchsi.com. These are the emails you need to manage your account and join/send messages:

Group Email Addresses

- **Post message:** qcbc@yahoogroups.com
- **Subscribe:** qcbc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- **Unsubscribe:** qcbc-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com
- **List owner:** qcbc-owner@yahoogroups.com

This is a communication tool the QCBC would like us to use. It allows real-time communication between members for rides/events/races, alerts about harassing auto-driver, legislation updates and requests for activism, volunteer opportunities, etc.

If you did not get an invite, and you included your email in your renewal form, we could not read it right and it bounced back. Please send me an email, so I have the correct email address, and I will send an invite. I can only do 50 invites a day, and they're good for 30 days. After that, I have to invite you again.

We hope you will see this as a valuable communication tool about anything concerning bicycles. Please see the guidelines below, and if you need help, please let me know.

QCBC Yahoo Group Guidelines

Purpose: To post topic information about QCBC events, meetings, activities, rides, QCA cycling road hazards, advocacy and bicycling issues. This group is not for other subjects such as politics, religion, jokes, social comments, etc.

Types: There are three types of mail delivery accounts: Daily E-mails, Daily Digest, and Special Notices.

Daily email option: Emails comes through as they are written, multiple times a day.

Daily digest option: Emails are reduced to a few e-mails a day with multiple e-mails in one e-mail.

Special notice option: For information only on major QCBC events. This option eliminates daily emails, but you may read the posted emails in the message area. Major club events are identified as Special Events in the ride schedule, general QCBC meetings, or others deemed major by the QCBC president.

If you need a special notice sent out, contact the group's owner or the moderators.

Topic subject: If your response is different from the original topic, change your subject line accordingly.

If you want to personally contact someone – please do it off-line or away from this group.

Please be respectful of other viewers and posters; no profanity, arguing, or bullying. QCBC reserves the right to ban disruptive group members.

Have fun and send out info on what you're doing in the cycling community, concerns about safety in your neighborhoods, or where you ride, and on upcoming rides and events.

RAGBRAI for Rookies draws crowd

By Ken Urban

RAGBRAI for Rookies was held Feb. 9 at the Davenport Fairmount Library, with more than 65 people stopping to learn more about preparing and packing for the ride, in an open house format.

Providing training at the event were: Michael Hughes, camping; Tony Buck, logistics; Leonard Jefferson, self-supported touring; Dixon Novy, registration; Dean Mathias, survival/repairs; and Donnie Miller, training/safety. The event included lots of memorabilia, photos, demonstrations, refreshments and door prizes.

Newer QCBC member and rookie RAGBRAIer Gwendolyn Lee, said she was "so impressed with how much info QCBC has on the site and at the "RAGBRAI for Rookies" ... You definitely have this down to a science!"

Thank you to everyone who participated. For more RAGBRAI questions, please check the website or contact anyone involved in the event.

QCBC RAGBRAI Charter Service for Lottery TAG Holders

Attention cyclists interested in joining our RAGBRAI Charter Service.

Our QCBC Preferred Charter Registration ended in February but lottery TAG applicants may join our annual charter across Iowa. Paid reservations will be accepted for those who entered the lottery for RAGBRAI XLI. Proof of registration through the Des Moines Register is required because you must hold a lottery TAG in order to accompany us on our charter. See our "2013 Charter Service for Lottery TAG Holders" registration located in this issue of Pedalwheeling for available options and pricing. And go to www.qcbc.com and click on the "RAGBRAI" located in the RH column for complete details and instructions.

Thank you,

Dixon

Dixon J. Novy

Q.C.B.C. RAGBRAI Registrar

dxnvy@mchsi.com

(563) 221-9093 **See registration form on page 10**

Quad-Cities Randonneurs announce 2013 Brevet schedule

By Joe Jamison

The schedule of 2013 randonnees will begin in early April with a 200K ride starting from LeClaire, Iowa to Bellevue, Iowa and returning to LeClaire.

Those not familiar with randonneuring might compare it to sports car rallies, in which there is a start and finish designation with check points in between. The driver (rider in our case) must reach these points during a certain window of time.

The participant must have a route card signed at each check point before continuing to the next. There is a time limit to be an official finisher, requiring the rider to maintain an overall average speed of 9.5 to 10 mph.

Sounds slow, but the clock continues to run whether the bike is moving or not. These rides are not supported and crews are not allowed except at the check points (controls).

Thanks to an agreement with the QCBC, which allows Q.C. Randonneurs to post the brevet schedule in the newsletter and on the website, QCBC members of good standing have rider fees waived if they pre-register. If not pre-registered, their fee still is waived, but they pay a \$5 penalty the morning of the event.

There will be rides in April, May, June and July. To see schedule details, visit QCBC.org and click on "Ride Schedule." For more information, contact Joe Jamison at 309-235-4284) or j-jamison@sbcglobal.net.

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We'll also have the best Wheel Pit in the United States, dubbed "Mud or Blood," so sign up to work the course.

The sixth annual Great Big Bike Rodeo, from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, May 27, is free and for all ages.

Bring your kids, bikes or trikes and helmets to The District to learn fun skills. It's designed to help anyone nervous of riding a bike around the neighborhood or through traffic or who is unsure of how to make emergency maneuvers to keep safe.

It will teach how to wear a helmet, do a quick check of the bike, and practice scenarios to enhance skills needed to ride safely in all situations. Whether it's a child riding on sidewalks and dealing with the "Demon Driveway," or teens and adults learning to negotiate a left turn from a left turn lane or lane positioning with the "Crazy Cross-roads," most problem areas will be worked on.

The kids then will get to race their first criterium in the Roger De Langhe Memorial Kids Bike and Trike Races in the noon hour, while Mom and Dad can race the beginner's races in the morning to see what it's like too.

Children will get a chance to race free during lunchtime at the criterium. Anyone interested in volunteering at the rodeo should contact Deren Batterson at woodystyle@mchsi.com or 309-738-9663. We'll again host the world's best volunteers with a post-race party, this year in The District. Criterium volunteers will get a free ticket to the June 7-8 Gumbo Ya Ya Festival. For information, visit www.gumboyayafestival.com

QUAD CITIES BICYCLE CLUB – RAGBRAI XLI 2013 Charter Services for Lottery Tag Holders

The Quad Cities Bicycle Club will provide charter services for riders who obtain their RAGBRAI tags from the Des Moines Register. Proof of your RAGBRAI TAG is required - Attach a copy of your lottery number from the RAGBRAI email or a photocopy of your bike and wristband tags.

Use a separate form for each person. Make checks payable to QCBC - RAGBRAI. Packet Pickup/Check In/Bike Loading is Friday, July 19, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. (at the Isle Casino/Hotel in Bettendorf). Riders and gear load Saturday, July 20 for Council Bluffs at 6:15 – 6:45 a.m.

Free long term covered parking for our guests using any of our Charter Service amenities. Our charter service always starts and ends in the Quad Cities/Bettendorf.

CHARTER GUEST INFORMATION – please print the following

Name - Mr or Ms _____ Birthdate: MO/DAY/YR / /
(PLEASE PRINT) (REQUIRED)

Your RAGBRAI Wristband Tag # _____
(REQUIRED - PLEASE PRINT)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell/Contact Phone # _____ Other Phone # _____

Adult sponsor if under 18 _____ E-Mail _____
(REQUIRED - PLEASE PRINT)

TYPE OF BICYCLE YOU ARE RIDING? Road/MTB ___ Tandem ___ Recumbent ___ Other _____

Are we transporting your bike to the starting city? Yes ___ No ___

	PLEASE INDICATE SERVICES BELOW
*Bus/Baggage/Bike transportation out only - 0645 hrs on July 20 th Bettendorf to Council Bluffs	\$105.00 _____
* Baggage service and camp site for the week (PROVIDE OWN WAY OUT TO COUNCIL BLUFFS)	\$105.00 _____
<u>or</u> COMBO Bus Transport out, Baggage and Camp for the week	\$200.00 _____
+ Return Bus & transport bike/gear (Fort Madison to Bettendorf) (INCLUDES SERVICE TO QC INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN MOLINE- MLJ)	\$65.00 _____
Baggage service and camp site (Daily/Per Night Rate) (FOR PARTIAL WEEK WRISTBAND HOLDERS ONLY)	\$25.00 _____
RAGBRAI XLI Jersey Raffle to benefit the youth Dream Team (size _____)	\$5.00 _____

Total \$ _____

Every cyclist must sign this liability waiver. If you are under 18, your sponsor must also sign. In signing this form for myself or another, I understand and agree to absolve all of the sponsors and organizers, singly and collectively, of all blame for any injury, misadventure, harm, loss, or inconvenience suffered as a result of taking part in RAGBRAI XLI or in any of the activities associated with RAGBRAI XLI.

Signature of rider _____ Date _____

Sponsor's signature, if rider is under 18 _____

Mail this Form & Payment to: Dixon J. Novy c/o QCBC
704 12th St. DeWitt, IA 52742
563) 221-9093 - Evenings

Please identify any e-mail inquiry subject as QCBC dxnvy@mchsi.com

03/13

The ride schedule was accurate at the time we published the newsletter.

Some rides may not have been submitted in time.

The QCBC website <http://qcbc.org/rides/> will have the most up-to-date schedule.

April 2013—Ride Schedule

Apr 03	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	9:00AM	Hardees, 425 55th St. Moline	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Apr 06	Endurance	A brevet starting from LeClaire, IA to Bellevue, IA & return. Self supported. QCBC members ride free if pre-registered	Brevet 200K	6:00AM	Comfort Inn, LeClaire, IA	Joe Jamison j-jamison@sbcglobal.net
Apr 06	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- warm up ride to Buffalo for breakfast.	25+ miles	9:00AM	Eastern Avenue Park, Duck Creek Pkwy- Davenport, IA	Tom Scott 309-788-9257
Apr 07	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- bike path to CordovaOeasy up and back.	30 miles	9:00AM	East end of Ben Butterworth Pkwy, Old River Dr. & 55th Street, Moline	Dick Wolbers 563-332-9906
Apr 10	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	9:00AM	Hardees, 425 55th St. Moline	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Apr 13	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- explore rural Rock Island County rollers. Seats are optional.	30-35 miles	9:00AM	Milan Community Center, Camden Park, Hwy. 67, Milan	Deb & Dean Mathias 309-787-6547
Apr 14	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- NE Scott County rambleOgood mix of terrain.	35-40 miles	9:00AM	Crow Creek Park, Devils Glen Road, Bettendorf	Dean Arney 563-355-1282
Apr 17	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	9:00AM	Hardees, 425 55th St. Moline	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Apr 20	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- Explore the Illinois Quad Cities paths, bike lanes and sharrow routes.	30 miles	9:00AM	Schweibert Park, Rock Island river front	Dixon Novy 563-221-9093
Apr 21	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- SW Rock Island County loop- mix of hills and flat rural roads.	35-40 miles	9:00AM	Thermo King- R.I. Industrial Park, Rock Island	Jim Hudson 309-756-0953
Apr 24	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	9:00AM	Hardees, 425 55th St. Moline	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Apr 27	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- scenic ride to Osco & Orion area.	25-30 miles	9:00AM	Colona Grade School, 700-1st St., Colona	Kristin Jordan 309-644-1644
Apr 28	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- ride to De Witt for pancakes at American Legion Hall.	35-40 miles	9:00AM	North Scott High School, Eldridge	Ken Urban 563-343-9118
May 01	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	8:00AM	HyVee- Kimberly Rd/Spring Street, Davenport	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
May 04	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- Riders choiceOroute determined by participants.	25+ miles	9:00AM	Eastern Avenue Park, Duck Creek Pkwy- Davenport, IA	Riders Choice
May 05	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- Spring Picnic Ride	35-40 miles	9:00AM	Illiniwek Park, Hampton, IL	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
May 08	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	8:00AM	HyVee- Kimberly Rd/Spring Street, Davenport	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
May 11	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- Rock River loop to Hillsdale. Scenic route on lightly traveled rural roads.	35 miles	8:00AM note earlier time	East end of Ben Butterworth Pkwy, Old River Dr. & 55th Street, Moline	Bill & Kathy Storm 563-355-2564
May 15	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	8:00AM	HyVee- Kimberly Rd/Spring Street, Davenport	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499

New members

Baker, Matt , & Laura	Bettendorf, IA	563-359-1143
Bernard, Rebecca	Rock Island, IL	day 309-781-2357 eve 309-558-3234
Blew, Bob	Rock Island, IL	309-236-3700
Broome, Jordon	Clovis, NM	575-760-0497
Castens, Sheila , & Dale	Silvis, IL	
Corbin, Bob , & Marianne	Davenport, IA	563-579-0005
Downey, Michael	Hampton, IL	day 309-738-0249 eve 309-765-4315
Frost, Monta , & Donna	San Antonio, TX	day 210-846-4258 eve 210-722-3637
Howard, Dale	Moline, IL	309-428-2500
Hoyt, Timothy	Moline, IL	309-781-7330
Johnson, Kent , & Carol	Geneseo, IL	309-944-8126
Lee, Gwendolyn	Davenport, IA	319-400-4425
McAllister, Annette Q	Galesburg, IL	day 309-371-6872 eve 309-341-4525
McWilliams, Nicole	Davenport, IA	563-676-7660
Miller, Jennifer , & Merrick	Bettendorf, IA	day 563-349-5936 eve 563-940-4417
Naviaux, Wesley	Glencoe, IL	312-461-0876
Nederhoff, Adam	Davenport, IA	day 563-445-4243 eve 515-971-0304
Nelson, Gary , & Karen	LeClaire, IA	563-209-2266
Nelson, Jacop	Dixon, IL	
Nowicki, Dennis , & Jan	Mesa, AZ	day 480-216-4397 eve 480-835-0117
Peeters, Rachel , & Dough	Davenport, IA	563-590-1802
Rowe, Andrew	Galesburg, IL	day 309-337-2117
Schlunz, Sheryl , & Jason	Moline, IL	day 309-738-9530 eve 309-738-9518
Welker, Scott	Davenport, IA	day 563-940-3913
Williams, Krystal	Moline, IL	309-756-8468

QCBC Membership Totals

Membership type	# of memberships	# of members
Comp	12	12
Couple	226	452
Family	133	429
Ind.	400	400
Life	3	5
Grand total	774	1,298

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4—Spring Tailwind (page 5)
May 27—Quad Cities Criterium (page 1,3)
June 8-9—TOMRV
July 20-12—RAGBRAI (page 9,10)
Aug. 17—Ride the Challenge (page 7)



ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO WEAR HELMETS WHEN CYCLING