

Pedal Power

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The Prez Sez

By Joe Fischer

Our 2021 cycling season will start next month—barring any unexpected developments. Not much has changed since last year. We are encouraged that as things continue to improve, we will again be able to have some of the in-person meetings we have held in the past. But for now, we are not scheduling or planning any club meetings. (I confess I have my eye on a June Past President's picnic, but we will have to wait and see).

Our next planned "event" is our annual ride weekend in Vilas county. See Linda Roessl's article for more details.

All of our procedures and rules for club rides from last year will remain in force for the foreseeable future. You can see a list of those rules and procedures on the home page of our club website.

<https://bayviewbikeclub.org/>

As usual Ride Chair Andy Sikorski has been busy in the offseason updating our routes and even adding some new ones. He also invested a lot of time to "perfect" our route cue sheets-- which were already "the best damn cue sheets" on the planet. All I can say is I would not want to be tasked with doing the dishes in the Sikorski household.

Oh, and he also found time to complete the first draft of our 2021 ride schedule, available on our website. I say "first draft" because in my experience we have never made it through a year without having to make at least two changes to the annual schedule. So consider it final, until we make changes and publish the next final annual schedule in the newsletter. If you have been in the club for a while, you know the drill.

Tuesday morning rides are scheduled to begin again in May, and we are looking forward to welcoming back our Tuesday ride leader Jeff Schmidt--when circumstances permit. Several of the Tuesday morning

riders stepped up to lead rides last year and will be called upon at times again this year as well. I know they all missed Jeff and his creative routes. Or was it the homemade treats he brings on rides? Both, I think. There are going to be some changes to the Tuesday morning rides this year so be sure to check that out in the article below.

We have added quite a few new members over the last two years, so we are working with our vendor Hidden Bay Graphics in Superior WI to set up an online store so members can order their BVBC branded cycling clothes. Details about the clothing available (shorts, jerseys, other???) prices, how to order, etc. will be made available soon.

That is all for it for now. I am looking forward to seeing all of you on a ride.

And remember, let's have fun out there!

-Joe



The BVBC
ride kits are
back - details
to come on
pricing and
how to
order.



Membership Notes

By Rich Temple

Just a quick reminder that it's time to renew your membership for the 2021 ride season (last year's memberships expire on March 31st). Once again, I have been mailing membership cards out in case you wanted to be able to use your W&S discount on some cool new bike gear.

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

We have had ten new members join since the last newsletter, please welcome **Seth Sutel, Alyse Rothman, Timothy Wick, Nick Meyer, Timothy Buckingham, Deb Hagen, Jo McGlew, Bobbie Montgomery, Jim O'Neil, and Nancy Bennaton** to the BVBC. Including the renewals that are starting to come in, we are up to 55 members for the 2021 season so far.

2021 Bay View Bicycle Club Season Schedule

By Andy Sikorski

Date		Route Name	Starting Location	Dist. 1	Dist. 2	Dist. 3	Dist. 4	During / After the Ride
Saturday	April 10	Bugline	Menomonee Falls	16	26	32		
Sunday	April 11	Fiddlesticks	Thiensville	33				
Saturday	April 17	Two Trails West	West Allis	14	21	35	48	
Sunday	April 18	Classic Mash Up	Oconomowoc	29	40			
Saturday	April 24	Gorney Park	Caledonia	24	33			
Sunday	April 25	Historic Milwaukee	Milwaukee	25	31			
Saturday	May 1	Dousman	Dousman	20	36			Scrumptious Saturday - Red Tent Café
Sunday	May 2	Grant Park	South Milwaukee	19	27			
Saturday	May 8	Secret Bong Roads	Union Grove	28	38	50		
Sunday	May 9	River Hills Roll	Glendale	26	35			
Saturday	May 15	Gils Ride from Rome	Rome	27	38	50		
Sunday	May 16	SubUrban Fixx	Elm Grove	32				
Wednesday	May 19	Ride of Silence	TBD	TBD				(Time and location to be confirmed)
Saturday	May 22	South 'Hills' Sodbuster	Franksville	26	40	56		
Sunday	May 23	Germantown Roll	Germantown	24	32	40		
Memorial Day Weekend rides in St. Germain / Vilas County (watch newsletter / emails for details)								
Friday	May 28	Vilas County	Vilas County	TBD				(These rides will qualify for Rider Points in 2021!)
Saturday	May 29	Vilas County	Vilas County	TBD				
Sunday	May 30	Vilas County	Vilas County	TBD				
Monday	May 31	Vilas County	Vilas County	TBD				
Memorial Day Weekend rides 'back home' in SE Wisconsin								
Saturday	May 29	Brown Deer to Cedarburg	Milwaukee	32				
Sunday	May 30	Parkside	Kenosha	25	34	47		
Monday	May 31	South Shore to Gorney Park	Milwaukee	26	42			
Saturday	June 5	Lakeshore Interurban	Port Washington	30	38	50		Scrumptious Saturday - Dockside Deli
Sunday	June 6	Three Trails West	Waukesha	14	24	26	39	DNR Free Weekend
Saturday	June 12	Haunted Whitewater	LaGrange	30	40	54		
Sunday	June 13	Charlies Memorial	Hales Corners	24	43			
Saturday	June 19	Virmond Park	Mequon	30				
Sunday	June 20	Oconomowoc Eagle	Oconomowoc	25	43			
Saturday	June 26	Cedarburg	Cedarburg	25	37	54		Cedarburg Strawberry Festival
Sunday	June 27	Greenfield Southwest	West Allis	28	46			
Saturday	July 3	Glacial River Trail	Jefferson	34	40	53		Scrumptious Saturday - Wedl's Hamburger Stand
Sunday	July 4	Whitnall South	Franklin	22	37	58		
Saturday	July 10	Harrington Beach	Port Washington	34	43			
Sunday	July 11	White River Trail	Burlington	21	37			(Distances subject to change)
Saturday	July 17	Lake Andrea	Pleasant Prairie	27	42	54		
Sunday	July 18	Waukesha - Wern Valley	Waukesha	28	44			
Saturday	July 24	Mukwonago	Mukwonago	33	44	52		
Sunday	July 25	TBD						
Saturday	July 31	Random Sample	Cedar Grove	29	44			Cedar Grove Holland Fest
Sunday	August 1	Classic Mash Up	Oconomowoc	29	40			
Saturday	August 7	Big Foot Prairie	Walworth	24	35	41	54	Scrumptious Saturday - Walworth Corn & Brat Fest
Sunday	August 8	Secret Bong Roads	Union Grove	28	38	50		
Saturday	August 14	Lake Mills Triangle	Lake Mills	29	41	56		
Sunday	August 15	Wind Lake	Hales Corners	25	36			
Saturday	August 21	LaGrange Upstream Fajita	LaGrange	33	43			
Sunday	August 22	River Hills / Grafton	Glendale	31	48			
Saturday	August 28	Germantown Roll	Germantown	24	32	40		
Sunday	August 29	Ottawa Lake	Dousman	29	41			
Saturday	September 4	Ten Fountains	New Holstein	27	36	46		Scrumptious Saturday - TBD

Sunday	September 5	Fiddlesticks	Thiensville	33				
Monday	September 6	TBD						
Saturday	September 11	East Troy Trolley Dodger	East Troy	33	49			East Troy Bluegrass Festival
Sunday	September 12	Whitnall South	Franklin	22	37	58		
Saturday	September 18	Oconomowoc Lake Country	Oconomowoc	29	37	54		(Distances subject to change)
Sunday	September 19	Kenosha Southport Harbor	Kenosha	34				
Saturday	September 25	Dundee Northern Kettle	Dundee	19	31	43		
Sunday	September 26	Charles Memorial	Hales Corners	24	43			
Saturday	October 2	Menomonee Falls/Neosho	Menomonee Falls	29	50	60		Scrumptious Saturday - Hot House
Sunday	October 3	Greenfield Southwest	West Allis	28	46			
Saturday	October 9	Big Cedar Lake	Hartford	34	49			
Sunday	October 10	TBD						
Saturday	October 16	LaGrange - Southern Kettle	LaGrange	30	48			
Sunday	October 17	TBD						
Saturday	October 23	TBD						
Sunday	October 24	TBD						
Saturday	October 30	TBD						
Sunday	October 31	Ozaukee Interurban	Mequon	30				Halloween Costume Ride!

Routes in **bold** have been significantly reworked (and possibly renamed) for 2021

And Now for some of the Highlights!

Key Dates:

First Ride:
Saturday, April 10th
Bugline

Final Ride:
Sunday, October 31st
Halloween (Ozaukee Interurban)

Memorial Day Weekend
May 28th – May 31st
SE WI & Vilas County

Community / Coalition rides – 2021 schedule*:

- **Ride of Silence** Wednesday, May 19th (Location TBD)
- **UPAF Ride for the Arts** Virtual for 2021
- **Coalition Picnic** TBD for 2021 (BVBC would host)
- **Tour de Cure** TBD for 2021
- **Chris Kegel Slow Roll** TBD for 2021
- **Cream City Century** Canceled for 2021

*All rides/dates subject to change. Consult individual websites for details.

Click on this link <https://bayviewbikeclub.org/> to access specific ride details



Tuesday Morning Rides

- This year we are making a couple of changes to the Tuesday morning rides. We decided to give our traditional Tuesday morning ride leader, Jeff Schmidt, one Tuesday morning off per month. Real generous huh?
- Every third Tuesday the ride will start from Greenfield Park. Riders will meet in the parking lot across from the pool. The ride leaders who led rides last year will work together to decide who will lead the Greenfield rides.
- The dates we will use Greenfield Park are, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 19. The Tuesday ride leaders will post reminders about the location of the weekly ride.



Simple Tips for Cool Weather Riding

By Mike Dix

I've been riding more and more in cool weather for the past few years. I've learned a few things that I thought would be useful to share. I've listed them in order of most important to least. You can decide how far you want to go with this. Getting out for even a few 5 mile rides will go a long way towards getting in shape for the first club rides when it gets warmer.

- Wear gloves if it's less than 50 degrees. Any kind gloves work fine--you don't need to buy special ones--you're not riding that far.
- Get good wool hiking socks, not thick winter ones. Keeping your feet warm is always a challenge--good socks make a huge difference.
- Wear a headband that covers your ears completely. You still should wear your helmet, you don't really need a hat, the headband will fit below your helmet.

If you do these 3 simple things, you should be comfortable for short rides in 40 degree weather. So get out there, you'll be a lot more comfortable on your first 20 mile ride if you've done a few 5 mile rides first.



Memorial Day Weekender

By Linda Roessll

Come join us for the annual Memorial Day weekend May 28th thru May 31st, 2021. We will be riding the scenic Vilas County, WI paved bike trails and roads in the neighboring area. It is time for you to make your lodging reservations for the weekend because places fill fast. In the past, Bay View Bike Club members have reserved lodging at the Northwood's Rest motel, the Rustic Manor Motor Lodge or Hearthside Inn all located a short distance from each other in St Germain, WI. The Northwood's Rest motel is holding a block of four single rooms reserved for the club from May 27 through June 1. They will hold them for us until April 15. To make a reservation let them know you want one of the BVBC bike club rooms. You can change the arrival and departure days to meet your needs. If you prefer to camp, you are on your own for finding accommodations. St Germain is only a 4.5 hour drive from the Milwaukee area.

Just like all club rides held in 2020, the Bay View Bicycle Club requests you wear a mask, when not riding your bike, and practice social distancing. The Covid-19 vaccine is not required to attend this weekender. Please bring a mask to wear when applicable.

Cue sheets for all routes will be provided or are available in RwGPS. Most routes have two distances to choose from with mileage ranging from 25 to 50 miles, some routes contain hills. I plan to start the weekend Friday, May 28th at 2 PM from the Corner Store located in Sayner, WI. We will ride the paved Vilas County bike trail for 24 miles, no trail pass required. Other routes will venture around the Rainbow Flowage, to Lake Tomahawk, through Manitowish Waters, Presque Isle and Boulder Junction mostly on rustic roads. Since we are on vacation, rides will start at 10:00 AM unless the group decides otherwise.

Please contact me if you have questions or plan to attend any or all of the days of this Weekender. Email me at roessll@hotmail.com or text me at (414) 764-2513 so I am able to contact you with daily updates and the locations at which the rides begin. Come join us for a getaway weekend and enjoy the Northwoods.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKENDER AVAILABLE LODGING

Hearthside Inn
355 Sunrise Lane
St. Germain, WI 54558
715-479-2500

Northwoods Rest
8083 St. Hwy 70
St. Germain, WI 54558
715-479-8770

Rustic Manor Motor Lodge
6343 Highway 70 East
St. Germain, WI 54558
800-272-9776



Bicycle Safety



Group Riding Information from the Wisconsin Bike Federation WisconsinBikeFed.org

"Share & Be Aware" is a statewide campaign to increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety by educating all road users."

GROUP RIDING

By following these basic rules, group rides can be one of the most enjoyable, exhilarating and safe bicycle experiences. Because group rides are so visible to motorists, they are opportunities to either be billboards for exemplary behavior, or these rides can reinforce the stereotypes that cyclists break the law. When out on a group ride it is crucial that you take utmost care to insure the safety of fellow riders, motorists and yourselves.

COMMUNICATE

- Point out road hazards with your fingers to alert the riders behind you.
- Use hand signals to indicate turns (left or right arm straight out), hazards (point), or stopping (arm down with palm to the rear).
- Announce turns and stops in advance of the intersections to give riders a chance to position themselves.

WATCH OUT AT INTERSECTIONS

- Be aware that most crashes with motor vehicles occur at intersections.
- Treat stop signs as stop signs.
- Cyclists should NOT follow others through intersections without first scanning and following all traffic signs and signals. Do not announce "Clear" or "Good" at intersections. It is the responsibility of all riders to determine if the intersection is clear.

BE PREDICTABLE

- Follow all traffic laws.
- Hold your line. Ride in a predictable manner in a close but safe distance slightly to side of the rider in front of you.
- It's not a race. Maintain an even speed. Don't "attack" when it is your turn at the front and don't brake suddenly.
- Ride bar to bar. When riding two by two, it is dangerous to half-wheel your neighbor. Work to keep handlebars in the same line.

BE A STRONG LEADER

- The safety of the group depends greatly on the eyes, ears and behavior of the lead riders.
- Be aware that riders in the back of the pack do not have full view of the roadway.
- Proceed slowly through an intersection until all riders have rejoined the group.

DON'T IMPEDE TRAFFIC

- Under state law bicyclists can ride two abreast unless traffic is impeded.
- On higher volume two-lane roads with little or no shoulder you should ride single file in one pace line, a few feet from the edge of the rightmost travel lane.
- On higher volume, multilane roads with wide shoulders and on low volume town roads you can ride two abreast.
- Keep groups to around 20 riders or fewer. If your group exceeds 20 riders break up in to multiple groups. Larger groups make it difficult for motorist to find safe passing locations.

BE A STRONG FOLLOWER

- The riders at the back of the pack should announce the presence of a passing automobile with "car back".
- The pack functions best when it stays together. If riders are dropping off the back notify the front riders to adjust the pace.

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Newsletter

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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!