



Chain Chatter

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Shawnee, KS 913-631-6800

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(10%)** 8909 Santa Fe Drive, OP,
KS 913-381-5298

Remember to present your
JCBC membership card to
participating bike shops.

Prez's Pen by Mark Scrivner, JCBC President

It's going to be the biggest thing to hit the local bicycling community ever!

On October 17th Missouri Governor Matt Blunt and Lt. Governor Peter Kinder announced the inaugural Tour of Missouri, a six hundred mile Pro Stage Bicycle race across the Show Me State to be held in September 2007. I couldn't have dreamed of a better Christmas Gift for all of us.

Medalists Sports, Inc will organize the Tour of Missouri in partnership with KOM Sports Marketing, the same event management & marketing organizations that produce the Tour of California and Tour de Georgia. Sanctioned by USA Cycling and part of the USA Cycling Pro Tour, the event is expected to host up to 16 major international professional teams. A Health and Wellness Expo will accompany the tour at each stage finish bringing free race-day activities such as health screenings, cancer awareness education, bicycle stunt shows and other family activities to each host community along the route.

Besides the exciting opportunity to witness the best cycling athletes in the world competing in our own backyard what other impact can we as local cyclists expect from this event? I recently attended a Tour of Missouri preliminary planning meeting at the Kansas City Convention & Visitor Bureau to find answers to that question.

Organizers are projecting 300,000+ spectators to witness the event; the majority of them at the start and finish locations. Tour de Georgia's spectator counts tripled in the first three years that event was held. The State of Georgia and its host cities experienced a \$26 million impact from the event. Imagine the impact on youngsters watching this race pass through their community or attending the festivities at a start or finish line and perhaps idolizing the athletes. Might we see a crop of world-class Pro racers from the Midwest in a few years? Maybe, but there will surely be a whole bunch of kids discovering that cycling is cool and joining the ranks of recreational cyclists like you and I.

The thing that really grabbed my attention at this meeting however was the attitude of the public officials regarding the local cycling community. After years of attending transportation forums or road and bridge public meetings to beg, scratch and scrape for the inclusion of accommodations for cyclists and pedestrians I have developed a pretty jaded view of these public officials and politicians. Imagine my astonishment as I listened to representatives of the mayors, visitors' bureau and the public works department gushing with affection over the "many wonderful folks in our local cycling community". Yep, I pretty much had to pick my jaw up off the table when the meeting was over.

Did I mention that the Tour of Missouri is slated to be an annual, ongoing event? Or that the Tour will need around 300 volunteers at each host venue? Anybody out there interested? Let's all get behind this event and help make it a success. Mark Tuesday September 11th, 2007 on your calendar now. This is gonna be BIG folks! Really BIG!

From where I sit the future of cycling in our area and across Missouri looks very bright indeed. Happy Holidays to all!

JCBC Board Meeting Dates:

The 2006 JCBC Board Meetings are held @ 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Community America Credit Union, 5601 95th St. OP, KS.

Members are welcome to attend.

- Jan 10th
- Feb 14th
- Mar 14th

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Thank You,

We truly appreciate those of you who have offered to take our newsletter online!

For those of you who didn't know, as of the February issue, the JCBC will phase out the paper version of our newsletter and instead make it available ONLY online via download. We started this campaign last issue with the idea of using our well-established Yahoo Group website as our download site. But after some very constructive criticism and additional research, we found a much better way to provide this download service.

The newsletter will be available as a PDF file for download via our public website instead. On the last week of each month, please browse here www.jcbikeclub.org and click on the newsletter links at the top of the webpage to download the next month's PDF newsletter to your hard drive. Then open the PDF and simply type this password (case-sensitive) to unlock it: **jcbikeclub**.

This password will be valid for all subsequent newsletters till the March 2007 issue.

Upon renewal of your membership (April 2007) you will be given a new membership packet. In that packet we'll include a different (new) password so you can unlock all newsletters for that entire membership year.

Can't read PDF's? Get Acrobat Reader at:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

We still encourage you to join our (members-only) JCBC Yahoo Group website to keep up in touch with other online club members (<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/Cycling-n-JC/>), but joining this group is no longer necessary to access your JCBC newsletter online.

An announcement will be made sometime in the last week of each month on the JCBC event calendar and on the Yahoo Groups forum regarding the release of each new newsletter.

Please give the online option a try! JCBC spends over \$400 a month in printing and mailing expenses in order to bring you our monthly paper newsletter? With our membership at 350 and growing, that money could be better utilized for things such as bicycle advocacy, education, and our annual club rides.

If you still wish to continue to receive a paper newsletter, please fill in the application on the last page of this publication and check the box labeled: "**Please send a paper newsletter**". **Deadline to respond is Jan 20th, 2007.**

All newsletters from this point forward will be available for download. If you have any questions regarding downloading, passwords, Yahoo, or Acrobat Reader, please contact your newsletter editor.

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Again we thank you for your support!

Missouri Bike Federation News...

Kit Bond Needs to Know...

As you know, we have asked MoDOT to include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations as part of the plan for the new Paseo Bridge. It has gone all the way up channels and has become the official recommendation of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). But still MoDOT doesn't want to do it. They want to do a bike/ped retrofit of Heart of America only.

Shouldn't bike/ped accommodation be routine in every major bridge project--especially right in the middle of a major city? And make that "double especially" when no other safe bicycle/pedestrian river crossing exists near downtown!

Senator Bond has arranged \$50 million of the project's funding. So his opinion carries a lot of weight. And rumor has it that Mr. Bond doesn't want bike/ped facilities on the new bridge he's found funding for. Since Missouri's Senator Bond worked to defeat the Harkin Complete Streets Amendment in May 2005, we have been looking for ways to get the message through to Senator Bond that lots of Missourians support better, safer walking and bicycling accommodations. Remember that the Complete Streets Amendment was very narrowly defeated--if Bond has supported rather than opposed it certainly would have carried the day. Show Mr. Bond and MoDOT your support in two minutes here: <http://MoBikeFed.org/KCRiverCrossing>

Let's face it, the Kansas City area is far worse than other states in bicycle and pedestrian safety and accommodation. We have less than half the walking and bicycling of the U.S. average. If you walk or bicycle, you know why--our roads, highways, and cities just are not designed for bicycle and pedestrian access and safety. We need to change that now. With your help we are.

We want to send Mr. Bond and MoDOT 1000 (or more!) messages in 30 days. That is about what it takes to get his attention!

If you prefer to do it the old fashioned way you can email the addresses below and say:

"I support the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee's recommendations that bicycle and pedestrian accommodations across the Missouri River in Kansas City being built as part of the Paseo Bridge project."

Send your message to:
Draft Paseo Bridge EIS Comments
I29I35EIS@hntb.com

Senator Kit Bond
kit_bond@bond.senate.gov

Thank you!

Missouri Bicycle Foundation Receives \$15,000 Challenge Grant

A private foundation has issued a \$15,000 challenge to supporters of bicycling and walking in Missouri. The Challenge Grant will match donations to the Missouri Bicycle Foundation's Sustaining Donor Campaign dollar for dollar--from individuals, clubs, businesses, or other groups. "It doubles the power of any gift you make to the Foundation during this period," says Missouri Bicycle Foundation Executive Director Brent Hugh. "It allows to raise the amount needed to continue and accelerate the exciting progress we have been seeing over the past couple of years. This is the next step in creating an organization that will be here for the long haul to make a real difference for bicyclists across Missouri."

To take advantage of this opportunity to double your gift, your donation must be received by January 31st, 2007. To find out more about the Foundation or to make a donation, visit <http://mobikefed.org/foundation> Or send donations to

Missouri Bicycle Foundation
Post Office Box 104871
Jefferson City, MO 65110-4871.

The Missouri Bicycle Foundation is a statewide, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working to advance bicycle access, safety, and education. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Your donation to the Foundation moves forward programs like Missouri Safe Routes to Schools, bicycle education, promotion of bicycle safety, bicycle transportation, and bicycle tourism, school bicycle clubs, the effort to complete the Katy Trail and create a complete, cross-state trails network, bicycle/pedestrian access on river bridges, work to train and educate planners and engineers on bicycle and pedestrian design, and education of the public and law enforcement about the newly passed Missouri Bicycle Safety legislation.





KANSAS CITY BICYCLE CLUB WINTER BANQUET 2006-2007

Saturday, January 20, 2007 – 6:00 pm

Embassy Suites Hotel – Plaza, 220 West 43rd Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, (816) 758-1720

6:00 Check in and social (cash bar) with appetizers

7:15 Dinner

8:15 Short Program and Door Prizes

Please make checks payable to **Kansas City Bicycle Club or KCBC** and mail to:
 Shirley Winkler, KCBC Hospitality Coordinator
 6256 N. Mercier
 Kansas City, MO 64118
 Call/email your questions (816) 587-2095 or email moonmaid@sbcglobal.net

Please send your RSVP and payment, or pay by PayPal at www.kcbc.org on or before **January 15, 2007.**

Number in Party		x	\$20.00	=	\$
Non-Members		x	\$25.00	=	\$
Grand Total					\$

Chicken Alfredo Dinner	How Many	Vegetarian Dinner	How Many
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Name (s) _____
 Address: _____
 Phone # _____ Email: _____

Buffet Menu:

Chicken Alfredo

Grilled Breast of Chicken Served with Alfredo Sauce and Fettuccini Noodles
 Garlic Bread, Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing, Chef's Dessert Selection

Vegetarian Option

Grilled Vegetables with Portobello Mushrooms served with Alfredo Sauce and Fettuccini Noodles,
 Garlic Bread, Garden Salad with Choice of Dressing, Chef's Dessert Selection
 Includes Coffee and Tea

As a benefit to members, the KCBC is covering ½ the cost of the the Winter Banquet.

February is JCBC's Banquet. Details to be announced very soon...

DECEMBER RIDE CALENDAR

WELCOME RIDES

*These rides have a leader and all riders stay together. **Headlights and taillights SUGGESTED all evening rides. Lights will be mandatory when dusk falls during ride hours.

Trek Store Ride, Mondays, 6:30pm, (L, S, M) - the Slimenundgrossen news team (Mark Thomas) leads this Monday night ride from Trek Bicycles of Kansas City on Shawnee Mission Pkwy, everyone is invited. EZ, explorative ride, no fixed routes, no racing, no losing people...road bikes appropriate...expect to do something different ...

Brookside Weekly Ride, Thursdays, 6:30pm., (S, M) Park in the north parking lot at 63rd and Brookside behind Breadsmith, moderate pace: should be able to ride at least 8-10 mph, several routes 14-18 miles.

Urban Ride, Saturdays, 3:00p-5:00p, Ride begins at: Acme Bicycle, 412 E. 18, KCMO "under the sign of the bicycle" no set route, no one ever left behind, come enjoy a coupla hrs of urban exploration

Sunday Raytown Fun Ride, Sundays, 3:00 PM (L, S, M) Meet at Raytown Square parking lot, 350 HWY and Gregory in Raytown, near Schlotsky's Deli. We ride every Sunday unless there is pouring rain or below 32 degrees. Plan about 90 minutes for the ride. For more info, contact Brent Hugh 816-356-1740, brent@brenthugh.com (10-12 mph average.)

Commuter Dude Ride, Saturday, 8AM, Meet at Dillon's parking lot, 151st and Mur Len, Olathe Ks, SW corner of lot. The route is the Air & Rail Special. Distance 34 miles. Www.commuterdude.com Average speed—11-17 mph. This is a leisurely ride. Also a welcome ride.

SPECIAL RIDES:

Westport Flea Market Christmas Lights Ride, Tuesday Dec 5, 6:30 PM

Doug Beisel's Annual Christmas Lights Ride begins and ends at the Westport Flea Market at Westport Road and Southwest Trafficway. Decorate your bike and yourself with lights and anything else that looks festive: garlands, Christmas Trees, Hanukkah lights, your imagination is your only limitation. Ride through brightly lit neighborhoods, the Plaza, and who knows where. The ride goes unless it is rain or snow. Dress for cold, this is a leisurely ride. Afterwards stay for the famous burgers and have a cold one!

New Year's Commuter Dude Ride, Monday January 1. Check website for more details. More info here next month.



MONTHLY JCBC RIDES

GEORGE'S WESTON RIDE, (M-F) Saturday, Dec. 16 , 8 AM, Join George Gyulafia for 57 miles of big hills, long flats, and brunch at the Weston Cafe. Meet at the Wyandotte County Lake Park Ranger station (just north of 91st and Leavenworth Rd.) Contact George for more information: 913-642-2090

KILL CREEK RIDE, (M-F) Sunday, Dec 31, 9 AM, Join Mark Scrivner and Darius Riley for a great ride in the country. It starts from Kill Creek Park just south of K10 in DeSoto. Ride is on low traffic roads in Western and Southern Johnson County and Eastern Douglas. Flat to rolling terrain loops around Gardner, Edgerton, Eudora and DeSoto. Maps Provided. There are several self-sag opportunities. Ride pace is about 15-18 MPH. 16, 33 & 50 MILE OPTIONS. Ride cancelled if temperature is below 38°. Darius - driley@kc.rr.com 913-449-3339

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DECEMBER RIDE CALENDAR

WEEKLY SHOW'N'GO'S FRONT AND BACK LIGHTS REQUIRED. MAKE SURE THE CAGERS SEE YOU!

Visit <http://jcbikeclub.org> for full details - (calendar @: <http://www.calsplus.com/jcbcrides>)

- Trek Store Ride, Trek Store of Kansas City-Shawnee Mission Pkwy, Mondays, 6:30pm (S, M)
- Gringo's Ride. (M,F) 6:30 Mondays 135th and Clairborne. East of I-35, Southeast corner, Big Lots Parking lot.
- Tuesday Show and Go, 9:00am (M) Prairie Village Shopping Center Hen House,
- 75th Street Brewery Ride, The 75th Street Brewery, 75th & Pennsylvania, Tuesdays, 6:30pm (M, F, VF).
- Blazin' Saddles Show 'N Go, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 PM (L to F) two groups, Starting Place: Buffalo Wild Wings By Independence Center, Blue Valley Parkway and I 70.
- Taco Tues @ Pat Murphy's 5:30pm (Mountain Biking with the Earth Riders)
- Chelley's Winter Route, Chelley's Restaurant 85th East of Wornall, Wednesdays, 6:30pm. (M,F,VF))
- Wednesday Trek Store Pain Fest, 6:30 Wednesdays, Fixed Route, hills, 1 1/2-2 hrs suffering, no regroup
- Platte County Scenic (and hilly) 25, Wednesdays 6 PM, (M,F) Meet at the Summit Athletic Club parking lot just west of the I-29 and 64th Street (45 Highway) intersection in Picture Hills Shopping Center.
- Blue Moose Ride, Thursdays 6:30 pm, PV Shopping Center, 15 or 19 hilly miles. (M,F,VF) Experienced riders.
- Friday Show and Go, Prairie Village Shopping Center Hen House, Friday 9:00 am (S,M)
- Prairie Village Hen House Rides, Saturdays and Sundays, Hen House Prairie Village Shopping Center 69th and Mission, 9:00am . (Lots of options for S,M,F,VF)
- Ed's Greater Liberty Ride, Saturdays 7:30 AM, Biscari Bros. Bicycles in Liberty, MO.
- Urban Ride, Saturdays 3:00pm, Acme Bicycle Shop, 412 E. 18, KCMO. No one left behind. Come explore.
- Raytown Fun Ride -Raytown Square Shopping Center, 350 Hwy & Gregory, Raytown, 3:00 PM Sundays
- Critical Mass - Last Friday of month,
- Starbuck's Ride, 135th and Metcalf, 8 AM, Saturdays. Hammer ride—FAST, VERY FAST for racers and the very fit
- Scooters Ride, Saturdays, Shawnee Mission Parkway near the TREK store, 8AM coffee, 8:30 AM ride. Fast ride
- Brookside Weekly Ride, Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Parking lot 63rd and Brookside behind Breadsmiths. Welcome Ride.

These rides are not sponsored, organized, or insured by the JCBC

Ride Key: (average mph)

S - Slow - < 10 mph

L- Leisurely - 10-12 mph

M - Medium - 12-16 mph

F - Fast - 16-18 mph

VF - Very Fast - +18 mph



Prairie Spirit Trail Ride - Oct 7, 2006

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JOHNSON COUNTY BIKE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2006

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Name(s): _____ Age: _____

Name(s): _____ Age: _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ E-Mail: _____

- New Member Renewal Address Change Notification
- I would love to volunteer** once this year to assist with a ride or other activity.
- Please do not publish my name in the annual club member directory.
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I, the undersigned (a parent for members under 18), accept that cycling is a hazardous activity and I accept all risks associated with participation in the Johnson County Bicycle Club and its events and activities. I agree that in the event of a mishap during a ride or activity, I will not hold the JCBC, its members or officers responsible for any injury, loss or inconvenience.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make \$20 check payable to JCBC and send this form to:
JCBC, PO Box 2203, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201

Sign up is also available online at Active.com. Search for JCBC