



Greetings! Spring is finally here (I hope). Our scheduled rides started three weeks ago. Some rides have been cold but others have been glorious. Dust off your bikes and join in! Following is our ride schedule for 2008. It is the same as last year. Hope to see you on some of them.

RIDE SCHEDULE

Monday -Team Active Road Ride-15-18 mph average. Distance varies from 25 to 35 miles in length.

Monday BCBC Linear Path Ride-8-12 mph average. Distance varies from 8 to 20 miles in length.

Wednesday -Team Active Road Ride-18-21 mph average. Distance varies from 25 to 40 miles in length.

Wednesday BCBC Linear Path Ride-Same as Monday.

All rides leave from the parking lot behind Team Active at 6:30 pm. *With one exception*-The May 14th ride will leave from Riverside School at 6:00 pm. See special events schedule.

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

May 4 - Fort Custer Stampede - Fort Custer State Park www.bikereg.com/events/register.asp?eventid=5856

May 10 - Blessing Of The Bikes at St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 5:00 pm (on the Linear Path behind the church).

May 14- 1 World 2 Wheels Bike Celebration at Riverside School at 6:00 pm

May 16 - Ride Your Bike To Work Day

May 21 - Ride Of Silence-leaves at 7:00 pm from Getaway Sports Parking lot

June 21 - Ice Cream Social Ride-leaves at 2:00 pm from downtown Battle Creek

September 14 - Cereal City Century (starts in the State St. lot behind Team Active)

For complete descriptions of these events, please see our website at www.battlecreekbicycleclub.

Mark your calendars!

Notes and Trivia

The BCBC meeting on March 24th was a great success. Free pizza for members and new shirts to show off. Linn Kracht from Battle Creek Parks and Recreation was the speaker, and he gave a very interesting talk about the bike lane and Linear Park projects, and the Bike Celebration that the city is hosting. Our thanks to BiCi Bistro for feeding us!

On **May 6th**, 7:00 p.m., the Parks and Recreation Department is presenting a proclamation at the City Commission meeting declaring **May 16, 2008 "Bike To Work and School Day"**. Also, the proclamation declares that Battle Creek will continue to promote bike usage. It would be cool if we could have a sizeable group of cyclists there to support this proclamation. So, come on down and help out! Wear your favorite cycling jersey.

If you would like to serve on the Cereal City Century committee for 2008 contact us at bikerider@battlecreekbicycleclub.org or contact Jim Gallagher, the chairman for this years CCC, directly at jimg9876@comcast.net.

The BCBC is having a garage sale for bike stuff. So dig around in your basements, attics and garages and find some bike stuff you can sell. The date hasn't been set yet but I will email you all as soon as we schedule it.

The **2009 Handmade Bicycle Show** is being held in Indianapolis on February 27-March 1. The BCBC is chartering a bus for members to check out this cool show. As soon as we have more information on this we will let you know. <http://www.handmadebicycleshow.com/2008/>

Congratulations to Getaway Sports. They have a new store (on State St) in downtown Hastings.