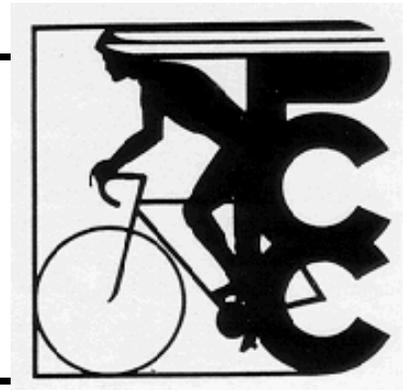


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# The Prairie Cyclist

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## **C-U Across the Prairie**

One hundred fifteen riders participated in Prairie Cycle Club's yearly fund-raising ride, "C-U Across the Prairie," in August 15's near perfect weather.

Thanks to business sponsors of the ride: Prudential, Worden-Martin, Minneci's Ristorante, Champaign Cycle Co, Durst Cycle and Fitness, Schnucks, BikeWorks, Strawberry Fields, Jupiter's Pizzeria and Billiards, and the Holiday Inn. An emergency thanks to the Campustown Dunkin' Donuts at 607 E. Green St., Champaign, which filled our large bagel order within 15 minutes early in the morning on ride day when our expected bagel source fizzled.

Board members Brian, Sue, Mike and Lorrie organized the ride literally four handedly.

Also thanks to all the volunteers who helped prepare the routes and staffed the rest stops

If you have suggestions for how next year's ride can be improved, please contact one of our board members.

## **August 23 Board Meeting**

Sue, Brian, Michael, Mike, Don, Lorrie, Rich and visitors Sharon and Kate Brown attended. The meeting was largely devoted to a re-cap of CUAP.

## **Welcome to new PCC members**

Robert Baird, Champaign; John Chatfield, Savoy; David Lorang, Urbana; Keihly Moore, Urbana; Shea Nangle, Champaign; Karen Partlow, Champaign; Nick Paulson, Champaign

## **The Legendary Perrysville Ride Labor Day, September 7, 2009**

*Start:* Perrysville, IN city park, 9am Illinois time. Leave C-U by 8 AM. Drive east on I-74 to Indiana exit #4, Route 63. Go south on Route 63 for 4 miles to IN Route 32. Turn left/east to Perrysville. At the first and only stop sign in Perrysville (it's a big town, if you cross the river you've missed the turn) turn right and go south for a few blocks to the park, on the right. There will be riders there. If you get there after 9 AM there will be a box of maps behind the left front tire of somebody's car. So you can still ride the route even if you start later.

This is about a 60 mile route - but there are several options. The web page <http://www.resourceroom.net/cycling/perrysville.html> has last year's "covered bridge" route. There will be no markings on the road. There is no specified pace, but groups have hung together even on the hills. Organize riding buddies for the pace you want to ride. Or don't organize them and just go.

*Food:* Eat a good breakfast. Carry water and snacks, as there is no place to buy food or drink in almost all of the little towns along the route.

*Moonglo:* The good food will be afterwards at the Moonglo, (from Perrysville travel west on IN 32, which becomes county HWY 6 or 'Perrysville Road' in Illinois - continue to the Moonglo, which is at a 4-way stop), about 2.5 miles southeast of Danville. Moonburgers are huge. Share one with a friend! If you'd like, bring your own soap & water for washing up afterwards, though they've never run us out of the Moonglo.

Additional questions? Ask PCC president Sue Jones.

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## Art Gallery Bicycle Tour

Champaign Cycle is planning a new bicycle tour of local art galleries for a Saturday in September or October, most likely September 26.. The entry fee and other proceeds will be donated to a local arts organization. Champaign Cycle hopes this to be the first of a series of urban tours. One of the entrants will win a new Trek bicycle donated by Champaign Cycle. More information to follow.

## What? Is Summer Ending?

Granted, when it's downright blustery and in the 50's, it's more than the earlier sunsets saying: Autumn is arriving!

Ed BonDurant's Tuesday Tour has moved to 9:00 a.m. and with Labor Day, other "official" PCC rides conclude. Saturday rides will continue on a "show and go" basis which means nobody is responsible for leading the ride, and who ever shows up goes on the ride, and that the speed and distance are decided then and there (or as the ride proceeds).

You can cheat the seasons, though! call your buddies ahead of time and get on out there early in the evening or later on the weekends as it gets a little cooler and darker.

## PCC's Board Continuing Apparel Issues

As you remember from the July and August newsletters, the PCC board has had some issues concerning the proper apparel for bicycling. At least for those of us who commute to work on bicycle, the following web video from this past June might provide some help  
<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2009/06/02/fashion/20090603-challenge-feature/index.html>

## Rides in Nearby Places

On September 13, two rides

Boulevard Lakefront Ride in Chicago, the city's longest-running bike ride  
<http://www.boulevardtour.org/>

37<sup>th</sup> annual Capital City Century in Springfield,  
<http://www.spfldcycling.org/2009ccc.htm>

On Saturday, September 19, the Decatur Bicycle Club holds The Bob Galloway Memorial Amish country bicycle Tour, starting in Arthur IL, with loops of 17, 35 and 65 miles. Complete details at <http://decaturbicycleclub.org/arthur.html>

To learn about upcoming supported rides in Illinois, visit  
<http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/ilrides.htm>

For rides all over the nation  
<http://www.bikeride.com/>

## League of Illinois Bicyclists News

*Kids' Bike Safety Info.* LIB has won an Illinois Safe Routes to School grant to distribute its kids' bike safety sheets. Copies will be sent to schools for every fourth grader in the state, for two school years. The sheets provide age-appropriate lessons for children with a parent letter on back.

*Compute Your Commute.* The Kiplinger Newsletter offers a handy tool <http://www.kiplinger.com/tools/bike/index.php> to compare the costs of riding your bike or driving your car to work every day. Fill in the information, and see how you fare. Besides any savings, there's a tax benefit to biking to work for you and your company. [http://www.bikelib.org/political\\_state/bicyclecommuterttransbenefitbygts.pdf](http://www.bikelib.org/political_state/bicyclecommuterttransbenefitbygts.pdf) After you do your calculations, you may want to consider using your bike if not five days a week, at least once or twice a week.

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### **Newsletter Editor's Question**

When I started editing the newsletter this year I dutifully incremented the Volume sequence number to 42. Does anyone know if the newsletter has existed for 42 years?

### **Save paper and a stamp**

Printing and post office mailing of each printed copy of this newsletter costs 97 cents. So if you are receiving a mailed copy and in the future can receive emailed copies only, or if you wish to be removed from the mail list, please email the editor (at [mjerryfuerst@yahoo.com](mailto:mjerryfuerst@yahoo.com))

### **Champaign Cycle is rebating part of PCC member purchases to PCC**

Champaign Cycle supports PCC's efforts to improve cycling opportunities and facilities in the Champaign-Urbana area. Champaign Cycle has agreed to rebate ten percent of the first \$5K of PCC member purchases this year to the club. To help fund us in this way:

1. Let Champaign Cycle enter you in its customer file (listing you as a PCC member).
2. Give Champaign Cycle your name when making a purchase.

For the past 38 years, Champaign Cycle has supported local cycling organizations. Champaign Cycle believes that strong, active cycling clubs make it a better cycling world for all of us. This program gives Champaign Cycle a way to systematize its donation to Prairie Cycle Club and gives you a way to help out our club.



## The League Of American Bicyclists

The Prairie Cycle Club is an affiliate of the League of American Bicyclists, and the League of Illinois Bicyclists

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The board meets monthly, usually on the third Sunday of the month, at Panera's at Mattis and Kirby. Everyone is welcome to attend, just to listen in or to bring ideas or feedback.