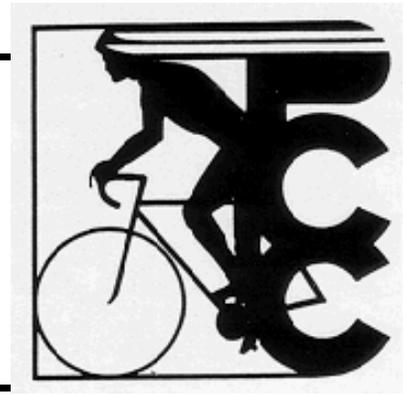


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# The Prairie Cyclist

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## Newsletter

This newsletter, now distributed solely as an email attachment, mostly contains information duplicated on the club web site. Occasional newsletter content not on the PCC site includes photos or stories about club members' bicycling activities, and/or, a slightly unusual bicycle-related story or image.

*To determine if there is a need to continue producing the newsletter, (and if you have not already responded)* please email your answers to the following questions to the newsletter and web site editor, Michael Fuerst [mjerryfuerst@yahoo.com](mailto:mjerryfuerst@yahoo.com) :

1. How often do you read the newsletter?
2. Do you depend upon the newsletter, rather than the web site or the club email for information about PCC or other bicycling events?
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4. If you would miss the newsletter, why?

## Fritz Miericke Memorial Ride and Race, Sunday October 2, 2011

The Annual Fritz Miericke Memorial Ride to the Depot and Race to the Woods starts in White Heath, IL (near Monticello). Proceeds benefit the TIMES Center Bike Fund and the White Heath Community Club. Options include a 16-mile family ride; 35-, 40-, 75- and 110 mi routes, and the Race to Woods (which offers 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for men's and women's divisions). Individual registration \$20. Family ride registration \$10. For more details, map, and online registration, see [http://flatsfixedbicycles.com/ride\\_to\\_the\\_depot.html](http://flatsfixedbicycles.com/ride_to_the_depot.html) or call (217) 365-0383.

## PCC End of Season Ride, Sunday, October 9

PCC's end of the season ride to Homer Lake is scheduled for Sunday October 9th, leaving from Meadowbrook Park (Windsor Road parking lot) at 12:30 PM. A leisurely ride, the one-way distance from Meadowbrook Park to Homer Lake is approximately 15 miles. Sandwiches and soft drinks purchased and delivered by PCC board member Bob Morris, [robert.morris.a@gmail.com](mailto:robert.morris.a@gmail.com), will be served at Homer Lake starting at 1:15pm to those who RSVP Bob by October 6<sup>th</sup>

## Breast Cancer Awareness Ride Saturday October 8, 2011

Ride in honor of someone you know who has had breast cancer, ride to support research for a cure for breast cancer, ride to raise awareness about breast cancer, or ride just for fun. The family-friendly ride, beginning (and ending) at Champaign Cycle will have 10 and 25 mile routes, a rest stop half-way through at the American Cancer Society, and an end-of-ride celebration

Starting time is 10:00 AM (day-of-ride registration ends at 10:30 AM). The first 50 registered riders will receive a free "goodie bag". The end-of-ride celebration at Champaign Cycle, with refreshments and a raffle for great prizes, happens from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

All ride fees go directly to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. For more information, <http://www.active.com/cycling/champaign-il/trek-breast-cancer-awareness-ride-champaign-cycles-2011>

**NYC's Transportation Commissioner:  
A Bicycle Visionary**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/11/opinion/sunday/buni-janette-sadik-khan-bicycle-visionary.html>

**Photos from Perrysville Ride, Labor Day, 2011**

A gathering of PCC cyclists convened 9 am CDT Labor Day morning at the Perrysville, Indiana park for a 50 mile + ride



PCC's superwoman jogs as fast as PCC's men ride



(All 3 photos above from Jared Verbeke)

**Icons from Mt Rushmore at  
Aug 15, 2010 CUAP**

Several South Dakota newspapers reported on August 15, 2010 that the four countenances carved into Mt. Rushmore vanished at 1201am on August 14<sup>th</sup> and returned at 8pm the same day. No one knows where the spirits of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Teddy Roosevelt went. Around noon on August 14<sup>th</sup>, several persons near Mahomet IL reported seeing the four at the final 2010 CUAP rest stop.



Where did our ex-presidents get those funny hats?

**Everything You Wanted To Know About Bicycling**

..... can be found at Mike's Mega Bicycle Links  
<http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/index.html>

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## Upcoming Organized Rides

Two good lists of rides in the Midwest this season are <http://brinin.org/> and <http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/mwrides.htm>

*Sunday, October 2nd, 2011 Decatur IL* 3rd Annual Prairie Pedal sponsored by Macon County Conservation Foundation. Proceeds from the ride benefit the protection of our air and water quality, natural areas, and wildlife diversity. Three routes on quiet country roads: 20, 40, and 62 mile. The \$25 early registration fee includes fully stocked rest stops, SAG support, a t-shirt, and an after party with lunch and entertainment. The ride starts at Rock Springs Conservation Area in Decatur, Illinois 3939 Nearing Lane. More information [maconcountyconservationfoundation.org/prairie-pedal/](http://maconcountyconservationfoundation.org/prairie-pedal/)

*Saturday, Sunday, October 1-2 Nashville, IN* Brown County Hills Challenge; Brown County Citizens Scholarship. This is one tough one! <http://www.browncountyhillschallenge.com/>

## Google Maps and Bicycling

<http://travel.nytimes.com/2010/08/15/travel/15Prac.html?nl=technology&emc=ctb1>

## Article About Bicycle Fitting

Those interested in bicycle fitting might wish to read this article:

<http://www.peterwhitecycles.com/fitting.htm>

## Contribute to the Newsletter

If you have any photos, or a 1-2 paragraph account of rides you have taken, or links to interesting articles or web sites about bicycling, send them to the newsletter editor, Michael Fuerst ([mjerryfuerst@yahoo.com](mailto:mjerryfuerst@yahoo.com))



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