

Minutes of the April 14, 2015 Meeting
of the
Board of Directors
of the
New York Cycle Club

Present were: Neile Weissman (President), Susan Sun (Treasurer, attending by phone), Israel Forst (Webmaster), Yvette Kotic (Special Events Coordinator), Brian Van Nieuwenhoven (Editor), Michael S Bernstein (C Rides Coordinator), Jerry Ross (VP Rides) and Peter Storey (Secretary). Also present by invitation: Carol Waaser.

Neile called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM.

1. *Berkshires Weekend.*

Yvette noted that there would be an information session on the Berkshires Weekend on April 23rd, at which Linda Wintner, Valli Weiss and Paul Hofherr would present.

2. *Newcomers Ride.*

Yvette reported that two pavilions had been reserved at Rye for \$500 each. Tables would be set up to enable volunteers to present the Club, and Neile would also make some remarks. Because food prices have risen, there may be some need for a small budget increase.

3. *Incentives.*

Michael reported that the program was closed. All ordering materials etc. will be sent in tomorrow. The program will come in under budget. According to input received by Michael, some people liked the program, while others had difficulty figuring out how to operate it. Michael also noted there would be some small amount of revenue from sales of leftover merchandise at the BSIG orientation.

4. *Ride Library.*

Israel and Carol presented an update on their work on the ride library, including the considerable task of preparing GPS files, and a copy of the presentation was ordered filed with the minutes of the meeting. There now exist GPS files and standardized cue sheets for close to 200 routes over multiple regions, including two new regions. Users will be able to filter of their results by interest, by region and by popularity of the route, among others. There are certain "Signature" routes as well as the classics for each region. Searches will not be dependent on the ride title: Searches can be based on waypoints and other fields. A ride can also be assigned to multiple regions. A user will be able to click on a starting point and the program will open a map of the surrounding area. The same is true of the different regions. Concern was expressed at the program might be too big, but Israel and Carol assured the board that the issue was not the size of the program but the ability to find what the user is looking for. There was a

discussion of next steps as well as certain of the open questions identify in the presentation, but no action was taken at this time on these issues.

5. *RWGPS Ambassador Program.*

Carol noted that the site *Ride with GPS* has an "Ambassador" program, through which Clubs can identify (and be identified with) favorite routes. It was thought that participating in this program would enhance the Club's visibility and reputation, possibly increasing membership. By consensus, the Board asked Carol and Israel to develop a more detailed list of *pros* and *cons* to participating in this program.

6. *Message Board.*

There followed an "in committee" discussion of trolling on the message board and whether membership in the Club should be required to post messages to the message board.

7. *Membership.*

Neil noted that a veterans group called Team RWB (Red White and Blue) is interested in a group membership in the Club. He noted that this would represent a desirable bridge to a community that we do not currently serve and that Team RWB was not asking for any discount on the membership cost. He also noted that they would participate in the Circuit of Staten Island slated for May 31st. The Board endorsed Neil's efforts in this area.

Gal noted that a corporation has approached the Club looking for a corporate membership for its employees, also at no discount. The advantage to the corporation would be that it could make this benefit available to its employees without having to duplicate the Club's riding infrastructure. The Board encouraged Gal to pursue these discussions.

8. *Insurance.*

Jerry reported on his work to date reviewing the Club's insurance coverages. He's stressed that the most important fact is that the insurer must defend claims, if any, against the club. He also noted that sports waivers are generally upheld by courts. There is a presumption of inherent risk in sporting activities. The Board requested Jerry to produce a memorandum of his findings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Peter K. Storey
Secretary

NYCC Ride Library Updates

April 2015

Major Areas of Improvement

1. GPS Files and standard Cue Sheets for most routes
2. 2 new regions (Multi-Day & Getting Out of NYC)
3. Interest Tags (e.g. climbing, mountain biking, etc...) & Browsing by Interest
4. User Ratings (1-5 stars) & Popular Routes Highlights
5. “Signature Route” to highlight best routes in region
6. View Counts (track what’s being used)
7. Cleaned up & organized Page Layout
8. Google Maps for Regions and Ride Start Location

Ratings, New regions and Interest Tags



NYCC Cue Sheets

Do you know of some forgotten gem? Or have you stumbled across any errors in these cue sheets (horrors!)? Perhaps you know of road conditions that have changed. The NYCC Ride Librarians Hank Schiffman and Carol Waaser want to hear from you. Email ridelibrary@nycc.org.

Pick a route from the many here and lead a ride. Study various routes and cobble together a unique ride of your own. Check out regions you haven't been to before. When you have a new route please submit it for inclusion.

NOTE: The NYCC makes no claims as to the accuracy of the routes. Do not blindly follow any route sheet. Check it against a good road or county map.

Popular Cue Sheets

[Poughkeepsie-Hunter Loop /w options: east & west side...](#)

[State Line Lookout](#)

[A-Classic 2012 #10 Westport](#)

[River Road, Bradley, Tweed](#)

[Hungry Hollow Coop: GW Bridge/ Chestnut Ridge, Ny/ GW Bridge](#)

[both sides of the Hudson: 9W, 9D, 9A, 9](#)

[A-Classic 2011 Ride #9 Little Tor](#)

[NYC to Ridgewood, NJ via Oradell and back: Tour de Pancake...](#)

[Sterling Forest Century](#)

Average Rating



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Select a Region

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Cleaned Up Cue Sheet Page Payout

Average:



No votes yet

Your rating:



Your rating: None

Added Ratings:

Members can rate the quality of a route

► [Spamicide](#)

General Information

Way Points:

Poughkeepsie RR Station (start)> high bridge rail trail> Rt 299> New Paltz> Rt 6> Mohonk climb> (remain on Rt 6)> Rt 209 north> Acorn Hill Rd> Rt 28A west> Rt 28 west > Winne Rd> Mt Tremper-Phoenicia Rd> Phoenicia> Rt 214 north> Rt 23A east> Tannersville> (remain on Rt 23A)> Rt 32A south> Rt 34> Market St, Saugerties> Rt 32 S> Rt 213> Plutarch Rd> New Paltz Rd> Rt 299> New Paltz Rd> Hudson Valley Rail Trail> Poughkeepsie RR Station (end)

Ride With GPS Link: <http://ridewithgps.com/routes/7252656>

Interest Tags: [Climbing](#)

Status:

Approved

Added GPS Routes and Interest Tags

Details

Author: Craig Breed & Anita Christofferson

Signature Route : off

Region Name(s): [The Catskills](#)

Level(s): A

Distance: 112

Vertical Gain: 6800

Difficulty: 180

Difficulty Rating: 5 out of 5

Attached Files



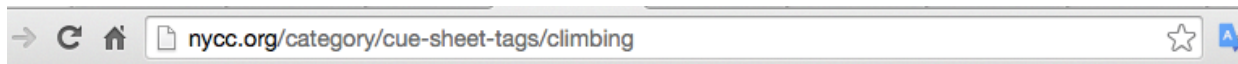
[original cue sheet](#)



[Ride With GPS cue sheet](#)

Cleaned up Attachments

Example: Cue Sheets Tagged with Climbing



Climbing

The Reverse Hunter Loop (clockwise)

Submitted by HSchiffman on Tue, 08/06/2013 - 10:14am

Author: Craig Breed & Anita Christofferson

Region Name(s): [The Catskills](#)

Level(s): A

Distance: 112

Vertical Gain: 6800

Difficulty: 180

Difficulty Rating: 5 out of 5

Average:

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A-Classic 2011 Ride #2 Park Ridge

Submitted by CWaaser on Sat, 03/17/2012 - 3:57pm

Author: A-Classic Team

Region Name(s): [A SIG Cue Sheets](#)

Level(s): A

Distance: 52

Difficulty Rating: 2 out of 5

Average:

☆☆☆☆☆

Denville Dairy w/Lunch at Sunset

Submitted by HSchiffman on Mon, 10/17/2011 - 5:12pm

Author: Mitch Rubenstein

Region Name(s): [New Jersey/Rockland County](#)

Level(s): B

Distance: 51

Vertical Gain: 3200

Standardized Cue Sheets for Hundreds of Routes

Go	At	On	For
	0.0	Start of route	
L	0.0	Head north on East Dr	2.2
R	2.2	park exit	0.0
QL	2.2	W 110th St/Central Park N	0.2
S	2.4	@ Circle, continue straight onto W 110th St	0.6
R	3.0	Riverside Dr	0.4
R	5.4	155th St.	
BL	5.4	Riverside Dr	0.2
L	5.6	after intersection and up ramp	0.3
R	5.9	W 162nd St	0.1
L	6.0	Fort Washington Ave	0.7
L	6.7	W 177th St	0.1
QR	6.8	Cabrini Blvd	0.1
QL	6.9	GW Bridge	0.1
L	8.2	Hudson Terrace sidewalk/bike path	0.5
L	8.7	Henry Hudson Dr	0.9
S	9.6	@ Circle, take the 2nd exit TRO Henry Hudson Dr	1.5
L	11.0	Stay left TRO Henry Hudson Dr	4.7

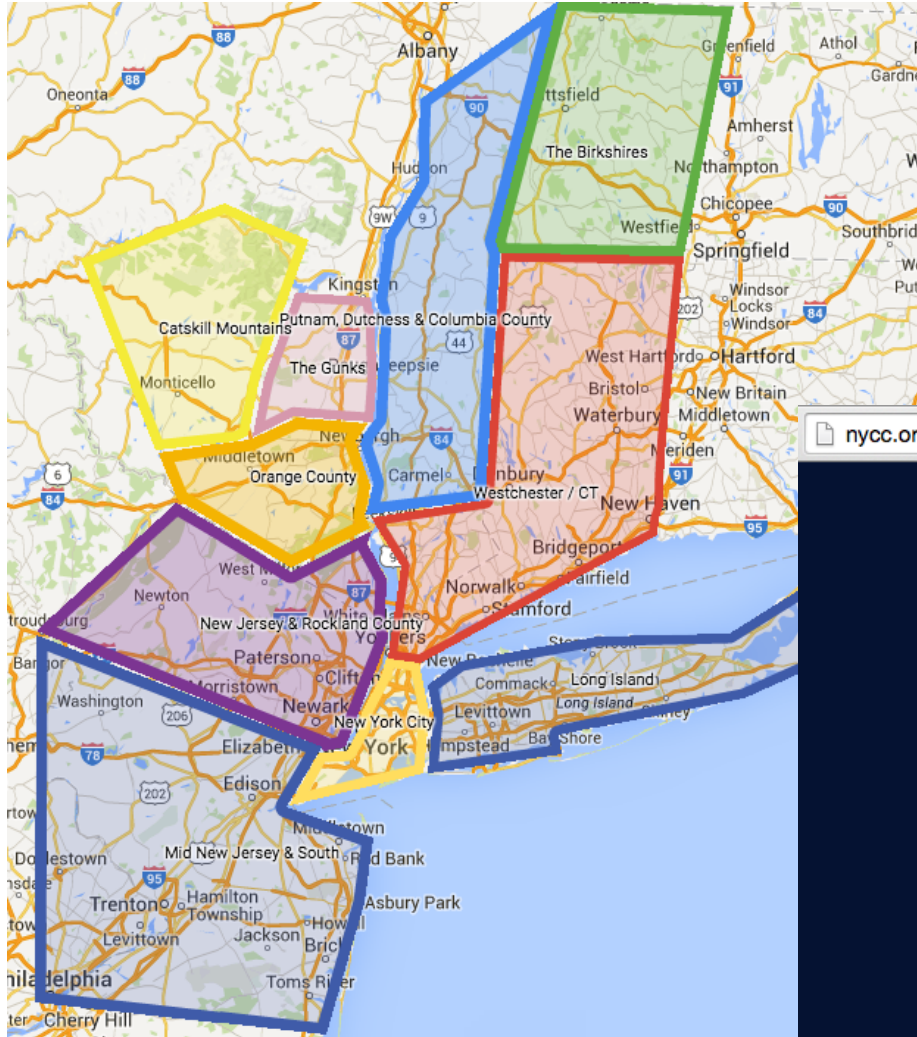
Highlighted Notes

Color Coded L/R Turns

Highlighted PIT Stops

R	26.3	Mountain View Ave	0.0
BL	26.3	Greenbush Rd	1.3
BR	27.6	NY-303 N	0.1
BR	27.7	to rejoin Greenbush Rd	0.5
R	28.2	Bradley Pkwy	0.6
BR	28.8	TRO Bradley Pkwy	0.4
BR	29.2	Co Rd 5 (becomes Tweed Blvd)	3.7
⚠	32.9	Caution: sharp, steep turn, abrupt end into fast moving traffic.	0.0
QR	32.9	Rte 9W	0.6
BR	33.5	Highland Ave	0.1
L	33.6	Piermont Ave NY-340	0.0
QR	33.6	NY-340 turns right and becomes Valentine Ave	0.2
L	33.8	Ferdon Ave	0.5
PIT	34.3	across canal to deli, then return across canal and left on Ferndon.	0.0
QR	34.4	Rockland Rd	0.6
L	35.0	Rte 9W	1.1
R	36.2	Oak Tree Rd	0.2
L	36.3	Closter Rd (become Rockleigh Rd)	1.3
L	37.6	Piermont Rd	3.4

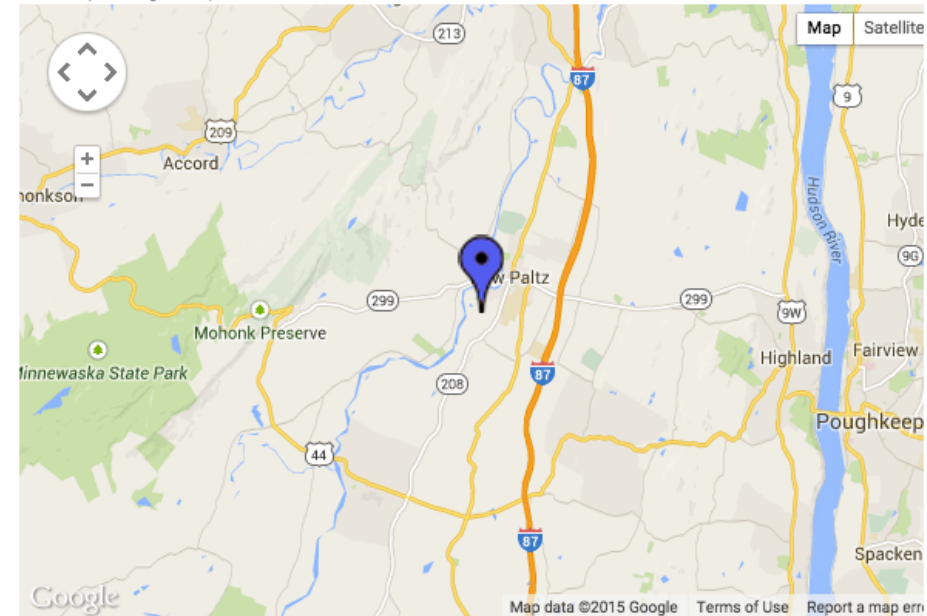
Added Google Maps To Regions



nycc.org/cue-sheets/gunks

Approximate Map Location:

See map: [Google Maps](#)



Added Google Maps Links to Ride Start Locations

Distance In Miles:

~80

Ride Type:

Cue Sheet Ride

ride to Hungry Hollow Coop via Saddle River and return via Crusher/Tweed.

Expect to ride with SIG-style discipline. Please ride safely by steering the group well clear of hazards.

There will be food/water stops at miles 35 and 60 so please plan accordingly.

<http://ridewithgps.com/routes/7201953>

Email Participants

Email Waiting List

Ride Attendance

Email Leaders

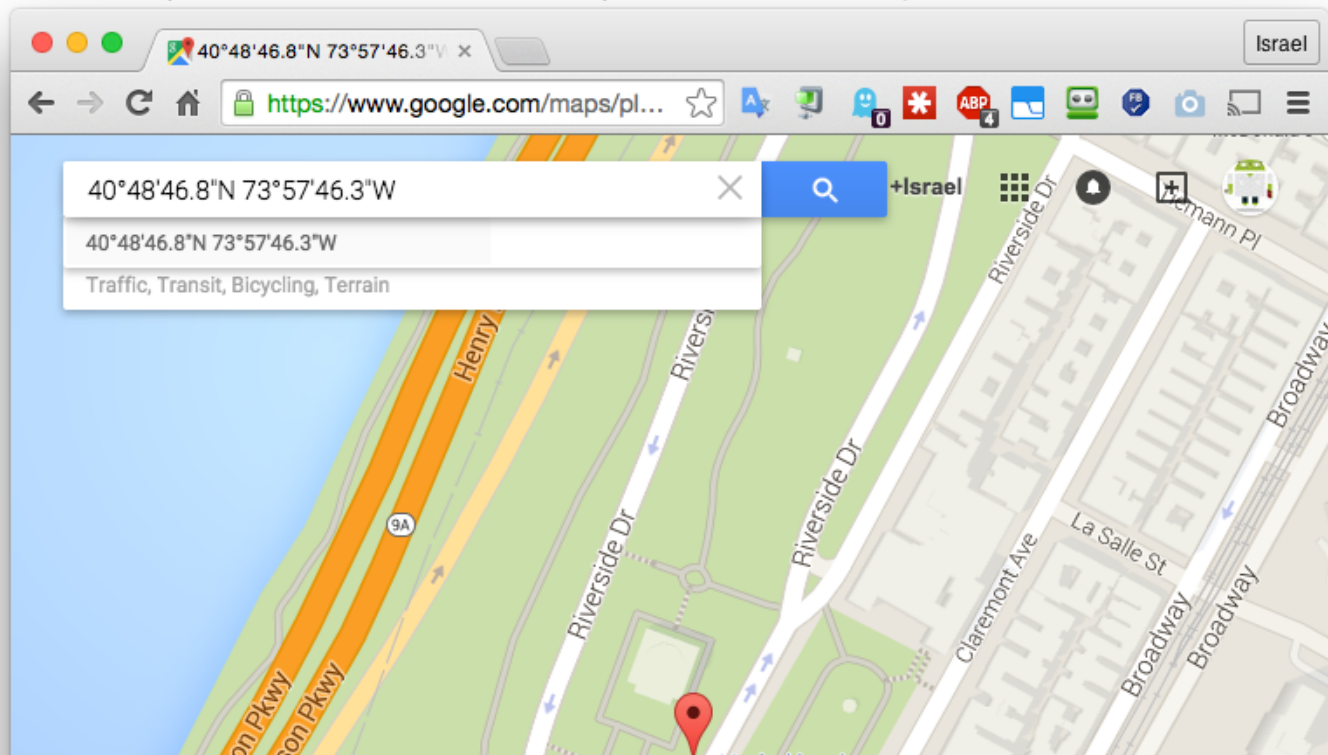
Starting From:

[Grant's Tomb \(122nd St and Riverside Dr, Left side of St.\)](#)

Participants

[Kazuyo Kudo](#)

[Phil Jeffery](#)



Possible Next Steps

1. Continue to clean up library, add GPS links, remove duplicates, add interest tags.
2. Create maps of rest stops in each region (figure out how to allow members to submit recommendations)
3. Allow members to comment on routes, providing up to date feedback on road closures, detours, etc...

Open Questions

1. Should we continue to allow non-members to view the Ride Library
2. Should we consider becoming RWGPS Area Ambassadors?
3. Should we approach RWGPS for member discount or some other spiff?