

1936 NYCC founded by Sid Lang as Astoria Hiking Club. Club renamed Queens Road Club → 1948 Club revived after WWII as New York Cycle Club → 1950s Monthly meetings in Manhattan restaurants commence. Weekly rides organized in Westchester and Long Island. Don Henry begins marking painted routes on roads → 1960s No information, but then again, it WAS the 60's → 1970s Irv Weisman introduces rides organized by pace and riding style. MTA bans bikes from Metro North and Subways. Club begins to advocate for change → 1975 NYCC officially incorporates

A Chorus Line opens on Broadway

President: Irv Weisman/
Sam Freedman
Dues: \$5
Members: 300

▶ Jimmy Rex (aka Ironlegs) leads New Year's Day century ride

▶ Ernie Lampeter leads Central Park Century (does that include red lights?)

▶ Club works with Metro North to institute bike trains on Sundays

▶ NYCC works with ConRail to organize Sunday round-trip bike train from Grand Central Station to N. White Plains on May 23

▶ Club ride crosses GWB; riders discover River Rd., Nyack State Park bike path, Rockland Lake State Park, and Talman Mountain

Yankees win World Series vs. Dodgers second year in a row

President: Bill Cooper

▶ First annual All-Class ride is held

▶ New York Bike Classic Race ~ 75 mile race in open traffic from Staten Island to 68th St. in New York City

▶ NYCC embroidered patches created

▶ Forty-six rides occur in 1978, a total of 1,810 riders

▶ Catskills weekend held on Oct. 14-15. Total cost per person: \$31

Breaking Away debuts MTA Transit Strike

President: Bill Cooper

▶ January meeting guest speaker: John Forrester, author of "Effective Cycling"

▶ Club sponsors table at Earth Day 10th Anniversary to raise NYCC awareness; club signs 25 new members

▶ Training rides offered for all classes: A, B and C; B and C rides have Central Park, Prospect Park and Flushing Meadows Park start options

▶ Ken Abramson organizes NYCC ice skating program

▶ Mayor Koch installs bike lanes, then deconstructs them 3 months later

Sally Ride becomes first female astronaut

President: Bill Cooper

▶ Five Borough Bike Tour registration is \$2

▶ Martha Ramos creates "Bicycle Linkups" bike routes/ cue sheets

▶ Landmarks Commission approves fully-ramped plan for Brooklyn Bridge; Bridge access continues while main span is under construction

▶ Bicycle Transportation Action survey of NY statewide and local candidates show "broad legislative support for bicycles as legitimate mode of urban transportation"

Ore-Ida sponsors Ore-Ida Women's Challenge six-stage time trial race in Idaho June 30-July 4

President: Les Golobter
Members: 636

▶ 50th Anniversary of NYCC

▶ Special Interest Group (SIG) on racing proposed

▶ New bulletin feature "Dispatches" is created to showcase interesting postcards sent by members

▶ Member Barbara Berkus organizes A-level training rides for female B riders

▶ Price of prix fixe dinner at club meetings increased to \$9.25 from \$8. Beer: \$2 imported; \$1.25 domestic

Tour de France features first All-American team, 7-Eleven

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▶ Member Dave Walls qualifies for 1987 Race Across America

▶ NYC Traffic Violations Bureau racks up 6500 tickets, close to one-third of which are for cyclists

CDs outsell vinyl records for the first time

President: Christy Guzzetta;
Members: 523

▶ Bulletin article by Ed Flowers: "An Instant Rucksack" or "How to Get Your Lunch from the Deli to the Park"

▶ Ed's recommended cycling color of the year: tangerine

▶ Mike Yesko becomes first club member known to have established contact with a rodent in Central Park. Rodent fared poorly

South Africa frees Nelson Mandela

President: Christy Guzzetta
Dues: \$17
Members: 819

▶ NYCC joins national Bicycle Club Network

▶ Caryl Hudson and Steve Baron married; couple's official, "racy" wedding portrait shows the happy pair sporting bike helmets only, peering from behind a shower curtain

▶ Due to C-SIG popularity (>50 riders), group is split into sections

▶ Playboy publishes "Bike First Aid" article in June issue

▶ USC study finds that cycling can lead to "damaged critical nerves and arteries related to sexual performance." Padded bike shorts and seats are recommended

25th Olympic Summer games opens in Barcelona, Spain

President: Richard Rosenthal
Dues: \$17
Members: 931

▶ Member Michael Toomey's logo design becomes official NYCC logo

▶ Rockland County approves helmet law

▶ Annual Nude Beach Ride scheduled to coincide with the Natural Nudist Weekend

▶ Metro North initiates Saturday and Sunday "bike trains" from May to October

▶ SIG rides have rain 9 out of 10 weeks, postponing just once for graduation ride

Major League Baseball strike cancels World Series

President: Geo Carl Kaplan
Dues: \$17

▶ ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) transportation law funds new bike racks and lockers at rail stations Metropolitan Greenway System progress: Hudson bike path opens

▶ Piermont Bicycle Shop opens

▶ Transportation Alternatives launches inaugural Bike to Work Week

▶ Fourth Annual Post-Season Post Party Hedgehog Ride

▶ NY Road Runners' Founder Fred Lebow dies

Ebay launches

President: Gene Vezzani
Members: 965

▶ NYCC member Alan Resnick elected president of CRCA

▶ A SIG celebrates 10th Anniversary

▶ NYCC sponsors its first brevet series, coordinated by Jeff Vogel

▶ Irv Weisman named NYCC Volunteer of the Year

▶ NYCC provides Achilles Track Club with 96 member volunteers for NYC marathon

Last episode of Seinfeld airs on NBC

President: Gene Vezzani

▶ NYCC board considers helmets and votes to require them on all rides

▶ Sid Lang, NYCC founder, died on June 20, 1998

▶ Tony Napoli and Linda Siebert's wedding reception held at the Skylark Diner in Nyack

▶ The first Columbus Day weekend in the Catskills occurs with 50 participants

Summer Olympics are held in Sydney, Australia

President: Ben Goldberg

▶ A19 SIG is born, headed by Ed Fishkin

▶ Discount membership card proposed for use in bike shops

▶ Jeff Vogel awarded lifetime club membership

▶ New club website at NYCC.org launches; PDF versions of paper bulletins posted

▶ NYCC Ride Leader Guidelines and Responsibilities debuts

12 European countries adopt the Euro as single currency

President: Tom Laskey

▶ Marilyn & Ken Weissman's Snowshoe SIG debuts

▶ B-STs series is started, organized by Stan Oldak

▶ Memorial ride for Julia Lobbia, an A SIG grad and Village Voice reporter who died of cancer in 2001

▶ Board proposes limiting size of SIGs and charging to register

▶ New message board system is created

Outkast's "Hey Ya" wins MTV Video Music Awards of the year

President: Stan Oldak
Dues: \$19

▶ Polar Bear Ride on New Year's Day to see Coney Island Polar Bears Swim

▶ Online ride submission program debuts

▶ Escape New York limited by torrential rain courtesy of Hurricane Ivan

▶ Columbus Day weekend event in the Catskills

▶ NYCC participates in Adopt-A-Highway program

Canada earns a record 24 medals at the Torino Olympics

President: Carol Waaser/
Jeff Terosky
Dues: \$19
Members: 2008

▶ Montauk Twin Century weekend: Eastbound on Saturday, Westbound Sunday return

▶ 450 riders participate in Escape New York, plus 12 kids from Recycle-A-Bicycle, to which the club donated \$4000 from proceeds

▶ Herb Dershowitz awarded lifetime membership

▶ Club donates bike rack to Palisades Interstate Park Commission

Barack Obama elected first African-American President of the United States

President: George Arcarola
Dues: \$17
Members: 2158

▶ Bulletin moves to online distribution

▶ B ultra STS and C STS introduced

▶ Who's In Your Club bulletin feature launches

▶ Escape New York registration at 832 riders. Ellen Jaffe, Ride Director: \$7,000 donated to Transportation Alternatives and Recycle A Bicycle

▶ New club website launches

After nearly 70 days, 33 miners safely rescued from collapsed copper mine in northern Chile

President: Derek Chu
Dues: \$22
Members: 2100

▶ Club creates Facebook and Twitter social profiles

▶ Popular, special edition Escape New York wool jersey sells out

▶ 1750 ride Escape New York. Profits top \$20,000; donated to RAB, TA, Saddle River PBA and Piermont Library

▶ New club website launches

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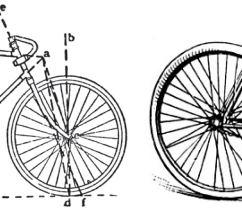
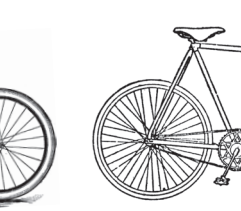
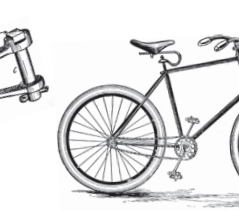
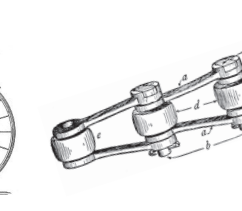
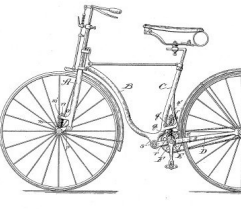
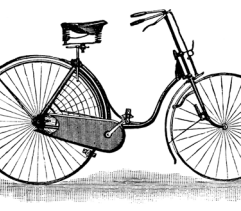
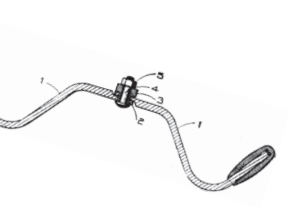
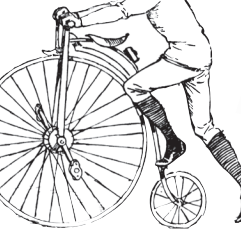
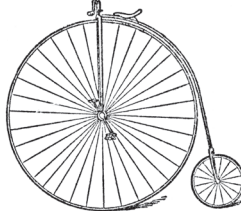
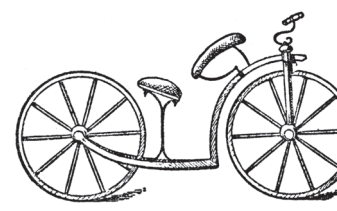
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Saturday Night Fever opens in theaters

President: Irv Weisman

▶ Cyclists permitted to take bikes on NYC subways

▶ MTA begins shuttle for bicyclists across the Verrazano Narrows Bridge in June

▶ Westchester bike train experiment suspended

▶ Bill Baumgarten creates fall-winter training series, including group riding and bike handling skills

60 Minutes (CBS) most popular TV show

President: Jimmie Rex

▶ Jim Rex and Irv Weisman create ride rating chart.

▶ March training program launches. Goal: Ride 25 miles in Central Park in 3 hours

▶ 2nd Annual All-Class ride held. Central Park to Staten Island. Members take Staten Island ferry and ride to Conference House Park. Swim stop at Tottenville Pool, lunch at Wolf Pond Park

▶ NYCC featured in Cue magazine article, "Biking Togetherness," about NYC cycling

Ronald Reagan becomes president

President: Jimmie Rex
Members: 283

▶ Central Park Boathouse phone numbers provided for ride leaders and participants to call in the event of running late

▶ World Bike Day celebrated June 6

▶ NYCC's 25 riders place first in Pepsi Challenge

▶ Members bring jerseys, tees and sweatshirts to club meeting to get NYCC silk-screened on back for \$1

▶ Insomniacs C ride in August with 2:30 a.m. start at Roosevelt Island Tram

Greg Le Mond becomes first American to win World Cycling Championship

President: Chris Mailing
Members: 427

▶ Non-smoking section at club meetings delineated by board of directors

▶ Governor Mario Cuomo passes bill clarifying rules of the road for cyclists

▶ First LIRR bike permits issued in October; Metro North considers similar plan

▶ Conrad's Bike Shop carries Lycra cycling gloves in favor of cotton crochets

▶ Best Dressed Rider of the Year: Ed Schweber

United Auto Workers boycott Schwinn Bicycles for moving operations to Japan and non-union Tennessee plant

President: Martha Ramos
Members: 516

▶ Member Ken Sloan wins Winning Marathon (formerly known as Pepsi Marathon) Memorial Day ride; four of the tops six placers are NYCC members

▶ Club-wide self-classification ride scheduled in November to research classes of riders in the NYCC

▶ Ken Sloane plays Central Park bike racer in the film "Key Exchange"

The Simpsons first appears on The Tracy Ullman Show

President: Martha Ramos
Dues: \$12

▶ Member Christy Guzzetta forms the Special Interest Group (SIG) progressive ride series comprised of 17 rides spanning March to June

▶ Ride classification names established: AA-Animals, A-Sports, B-Tourists, C-Sightseers

▶ Member Herb Dershowitz offers first mountain bike club ride

▶ A whopping 45 rides are listed in the April bulletin

First World Wide Web server/browser developed by Tim Berners-Lee

President: Christy Guzzetta

▶ NYCC logo by Larry Hobson unveiled

▶ Club Classifieds: Shy, romantic cleat seeks engaging pedal

▶ River Road, previously open to cyclists only weekend mornings after 9:30am, opens to cyclists seven days a week

▶ Rainy spring cancels or postpones many rides

Soviet Union breaks up after President Gorbachev's resignation

President: Lisa Halle
Dues: \$17
Members: 785

▶ NYCC member and Transportation Alternatives President Charles Komanof named one of Bicycling magazine's "Cyclists of the Year"

▶ 75,000 New Yorkers use bikes as transportation on a typical day

▶ Citibank new ad campaign features cyclists, all of whom are NYCC members

▶ Chris Mailing given lifetime member status

▶ 17 NYCC riders participate in Paris-Brest-Paris on its 100th anniversary

World Wide Web is born

President: Geo Carl Kaplan
Members: 875

▶ First annual Fourth of July weekend at West Point

▶ 15 rides listed in January 1993 including a 105 miler

▶ Richard Rosenthal proposes a G-I-S, or SIG spelled backwards. It's for downwardly mobile riders who with proper training can go from A to B to C in a single season. The G-I-S motto: "If you feel the need to exercise, lie down until the feeling goes away."

▶ In Search of the Nude Beach Ride finds the nude beach!

DVD media format launches

President: Geo Carl Kaplan
Dues: \$21

▶ B SIG and C SIG debut NYCC hosts

▶ Inaugural Escape New York century ride: 320 participants

▶ Double Rush, a show about NYC bike messengers, debuts on CBS

▶ Town of Piermont sponsors youth cycling fair; NYCC donates helmets

▶ First annual NYCC Midsummer Dream cyclists' weekend at Club Getaway, Kent, Connecticut

▶ Eight NYCC members complete 750-mile Paris-Brest-Paris Ride

Titanic wins 11 Oscars

President: Gene Vezzani

▶ NYCC members Todd Brilliant and Beth Renaud engaged; pick up engagement ring in the middle of a club ride

▶ NYCC SIG graduate Elizabeth Emery, now a pro bike racer, is featured speaker at club meeting along with teammate Pam Shuster

▶ 350 people ride in Third Escape from New York Century

▶ Mary Allen wins the Masters 45+ National Road Race

Lance Armstrong wins first Tour de France

President: Ben Goldberg

▶ Incentive program for ride leaders instituted: 3 rides: water bottle; 6 rides: discount on club jersey; 12 rides: ride leader vest

▶ First blessing of the bike at Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine

▶ A riders to be invited to Newcomers Ride for first time

Apple Computer releases the iPod

President: Tom Laskey

▶ NYCC message board debuts on www.nycc.org

▶ Annual club century ride renamed Escape New York