July
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GUIDELINES FOR CLUB RIDES

NYCC rides are friendly group rides by individuals of similar riding abilities. Our leaders are volunteers. In addition to setting the pace and choosing the route, they may require or recommend specific equipment (helmets, locks, etc.) in their ride descriptions. Unless otherwise stated, rain (snow, sleet) at the starting time cancels the ride. Many rides meet at the Boathouse on Central Park’s East Drive, north of 72nd St.

Please be sure that your bike is in good working condition. Bring a pump, spare tube(s), patch kit, tire irons, water, pocket food, and medical I.D. Optional items include a lock, maps, bike permits for the commuter rail systems, and additional tools. Helmets are strongly recommended. Headphones are not.

Club rides generally approximate the speeds and characteristics listed below. You can assess your abilities by riding, at a comfortable pace, four laps around Central Park. The northern end of the park can be dangerous; ride with other cyclists or runners. Be sure to measure the time it takes you to complete the four laps, and not your average speed. In selecting your first club ride, be conservative. Choose an easier ride, and call the leader if you have any questions.

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<th>Ride Class</th>
<th>Average Speed (not incl. stops)</th>
<th>Cruising Speed (on flat terrain)</th>
<th>Ride Description</th>
<th>Central Park Self-Classification</th>
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<td>12+ mph</td>
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<td>Vigorous riding, frequently</td>
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<td>A+</td>
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<td>18.5-20</td>
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<td>B+</td>
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Weekday Rides

Tuesdays/Thursdays
6:00 AM
EARLY MORNING CENTRAL PARK RIDES. Leaders: Steve Baron (212-228-0555) & Caryl Hudson (212-595-7010). Meet at the Tavern on the Green for a friendly, but strenuous, 2-3 laps in a pace-line. If you can average 18 mph alone in the Park, come out. If you're a little slow, we will wait over the tops of two hills; if you are a little fast, you can pull us. Bad weather or late nights may cancel. If you aren't a regular, call 595-7010. It may take a month, but we'll be averaging 20 mph again.

Wednesdays
7:00 PM
WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK WITH...... John Kalish (718-788-1656), Katherine Patton (718-789-5566), Martha Rams (718-858-9142), & Frank Witt (718-965-3253). Prospect Park -- across from the arch at Grand Army Plaza. Join us for this summer month mid-week ride. Rain cancels; if in doubt, call before 6:30 PM.

Thursdays
6:30 PM
PROSPECT PARK IN THE EVENING. Leader: Alan Leener (718-797-0972). Meet at Grand Army Plaza for laps in Prospect Park. All levels welcome.

Thursdays
7:00 PM
THURSDAY EVENING CENTRAL PARK LAPS. Leader: Marty Wolf (212-935-1460). Meet at the Boathouse for a few friendly laps at an A/A- pace. If I have to miss a week, do a lap for me.

B+
50+ mi.
FREELancers' RIDE. Leader: Rosanna Liebman (212-431-8926). Impromptu weekday rides to Nyack, White Plains, etc. Call me during the week -- or even at the last minute -- if you're free and want to ride.

Every Sunday

Sundays
8:15 AM
GIMBELS OR BUST--A Racing SIG Ride. Leader: David Walls (212-316-2336). From the Boathouse. On Sundays when there are no attractive road races, we'll cycle briskly to Sterns (Gimbel's), do "The Gimbel's," and have a leisurely ride back to the city. Please call me if you want to do it.

COVER: 4th of JULY BIKE BLAST from Tony Nappi's creative stamp pad.
**Sundays**

**COUNTRY CYCLING CAR-TO-P**

**CLASSICS.** Leaders: George & Theresa Schnepf (212-420-8939, weeknights;

**518-329-4520, weekends). Most Sundays this summer we will lead rides through the very be**

**autiful rural areas of Columbia and Dutchess Counties (NY), Litchfield County (CT), and Berkshire**

**County (MA). The area is primarily rural estate and farm lands with some villages and towns.**

**Terrain will usually be rolling with some very challenging climbs and occasional flat**

**stretches. Pacelines will be maintained where appropriate. The rides will be at either a B+**

**or A pace, or we'll have two groups, depending on the participants. We can't provide trans**

**portation to the starting point (100 mi. from NYC), but we will help in getting ride-needs**

**in touch with ride-providers.**

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**Fri.-Mon.**

**JULY 4TH WEEKEND ON SHELE**

**TER ISLAND. Leader: Debbie Bell (212-864-5153). The traditional**

**NYC holiday weekend at the Chequit Inn, with many bike routes for all levels on quiet country**

**roads. Rates are 3 nights, 6 meals, and gratuities are $190-$230.**

**Sat.-Mon.**

**LEADERLESS "A" RIDES. Meet at the Boathouse at 9:00 AM.**

**Sat-Jul. 2**

**KINGSLAND POINT PARK. Leader: Jeremy Herman (212-543-6472, h.; 212-662-9815, of.). From**

**243 St. and Broadway (last stop on #6 subway). Ride up through central Westchester to**

**Kingsland Point Park for lunch on the Hudson. Back to the city on Rts. 9 and 9A with Hudson**

**River and NJ Palisades views. Rain date: Sun., Jul. 3.**

**Sat-Jul. 2**

**THE CLOISTERS AND WAVE HILL. Leader: John Mulcare (718-672-5272). From the Cloisters, 60th**

**St. & Broadway. Bring (or buy) lunch to be eaten on the lawn of the Cloisters (for admission**

**to the Cloisters, pay as you wish). Admission to Wave Hill is $2 ($1 for seniors). You'll need a**

**lock there.**

**Sun.-Mon.**

**LEADERLESS "B" RIDES. Meet at the Boathouse at 9:00 AM. Call Brian McCaffrey (718-634-1742,**

**h.; 212-880-9292) before the end of June, and he'll try to suggest routes and other riders who**

**are interested.**

**Sun-Jul. 3**

**CYCLE CIRCLE AROUND THE LADY. Leader: John Mulcare (718-672-5272). Meet at the Cloisters,**

**s.w. corner of Broadway & 60th St., at 9:30 AM, or at the S.I. Ferry (street level) at 10:20.**

**We'll ride over the Bayonne Bridge, stop at a deli, have lunch at Liberty State Park, continue**

**through Jersey, cross the GBE, and return to the Cloisters.**

**Mon-Jul. 4**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY RIDE AND SWIM. Leader: Jerry Nelken (718-871-8036). From the entrance to**

**Prospect Park at the Grand Army Plaza to Coney Island via Cropsey Ave., then to Sea Gate,**

**Brighton Beach, Manhattan Beach, and perhaps Sheepshead Bay. Carry your lunch or buy it on the**

**way. If you'd like a swim, bring a lock, towel, sunscreen lotion, and swim suit (carry or wear).**

**30% or more chance of rain cancels; call leader if in doubt. Rain date: Sun., Jul. 10.**

**Sat-Sun.**

**PINE HILL FLYING EXPRESS. Leader: John Ceceri (201-485-2615). Cycle to the Catskills and**

**back. Hot and hilly. Mandatory pre-trip meeting June 30th at AYH (75 Spring St.) at 7 PM.**

**A+/300 mi.**

**Sat.-Sun.**

**ALL-CLASS INJURED Special Interest Group. Anyone want to watch Tour de France TV coverage?**

**Call Caryl Hudson (212-595-7010).**

**Sat-Jul. 9**

**WIND DOWN AFTER THE CRC ROAD RACE--A Racing SIG Ride. Leader: John Marks (212-928-3389, h.;**

**718-802-6806, of.). Easy loop into Rockland County from the eastern end of the GBE.**

**A+/30-40 mi.**

**Sat-Jul. 9**

**SHORT AND SWEET. Leader: Richard Herbin (212-792-5438, h.; 212-931-8000, of.). From the**

**Boathouse. A ride to Westchester, via an interesting and convoluted route. We'll be back in**

**the city by 3 PM.**

**Sat-Jul. 9**

**ROCKLAND COUNTY. Leader: Christy Guzzetta (212-595-3674). Meet at the church at 179th St.**

**& Ft. Washington Ave. Ride along East Saddle River Rd. to a beautiful downhill in Rockland**

**County. This is an easy ride, a schmoozy ride, a pretty ride. This is the first "B" ride I've ever led. Come on out and show me how it's done.**

**Sat-Jul. 9**

**JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE. Leader: John Mulcare (718-672-5272). From Broadway & 75th St.,**

**Queens ("E," "F" or #7 train to Roosevelt Ave./Jackson Hts.). There should be much more**

**wildlife to see now than there was on our April trip. Comfortable shoes, a lock, insect**

**repellent, binoculars and cameras are appropriate. Carry (or buy at a deli on our way) lunch**

**to be eaten at one of the tables in the Refuge.**

**Sat-Jul. 9**

**ROUGH AND DIRTY. Leaders: Herb Dershowitz (212-929-0787) & Barry Shapiro (718-426-4479).**

**7:30 AM Meet at 72nd St. and Fifth Ave. A mountain bike ride on scenic carriage roads and trails**

**near New Paltz. Possible swim at a mountain lake; bring a suit and lunch.**
Sun. Jul. 10  BAYVILLE BEACH EXPRESS TAKE TWO. Leader: Lee Gelber (718-646-7037). From the Boathouse. 8:30 AM  A  75 mi. Bring your bathing suit or your birthday suit for a quick paceline ride to the beach in Bayville. Lunch alongside the sound, a dip in it, and a quicker ride back. Snow, temp. below 20F cancels.

Sun. Jul. 10  SCENIC AND KILLER HILLS OF HUNTINGTON. Leader: Jim Rosar (516-549-4576; h.: 516-488-5936, of.). From Friendly’s in Syosset. Don’t be scared, this route is marked. Come out and enjoy a scenic and challenging ride in and around Huntington. Take the train out (the Port Jeff line), or any other way you can, and meet at the Friendly’s opposite the station for a pretty little joy ride through hill and dale.

Sun. Jul. 10  PEDAL TO PARADISE. Leaders: Amy Sackman (212-645-2949) & Beth Wald (212-410-9730). From the Boathouse. Ride with the legendary Cannondale twins...we’re off to find some beauty in the much-maligned state of New Jersey. Over the bridge and through the woods to Saddle River we go. 30% chance of rain cancels.

Sun. Jul. 10  PHILIPSBURG MANOR. Leader: Dick Goldberg (212-874-2008). From the Boathouse at 9 AM or Jerome Ave. & Woodlawn (last stop on #4 subway) at 10:15 AM. This is the second of three Sleepy Hollow rides. We’ll spend some time touring the Manor and its grounds. Expect some hills. Bring a lock, $5 to enter the Manor, helmet, and Metro-North pass if you have one. 70% chance of rain at 7 AM cancels. Joint AYH.

Sun. Jul. 10  BEDFORD VILLAGE PICNIC. Leader: Maggie Clarke (212-567-8272). From the triangle at Broadway, Dyckman, & Riverside ("A" train to 200th St.). Come with me on my annual trek through the manicured lawns of the lower Westchester 'burbs, the rustic New England charm of backwoods Greenwich, and past the Kensico Reservoir for a picnic on the Bedford Village green. Specific route (and mileage) may vary if it is very hot. Bring your Metro-North pass for emergencies. Predicted over 60% chance of rain cancels. Participants should have done at least one 50-mi. ride this season.

Sun. Jul. 10  OLD WESTBURY GARDENS. Leader: John Mulcare (718-672-5272). From the Burger King parking lot, 179th St. & Hillside Ave. Queens (last stop on "E" and "F" trains). Visit one of the outstanding gardens in the area. Admission is $4.50 for the Gardens and an additional $3 to tour the House; or seniors, $3.50 for both Gardens and House. Bring a lock for your bike, and lunch (there isn’t much available to buy in the gardens).

Sat. Jul. 16  OUT AND BACK, III--A Racing SIG Ride. Leader: Carl Faller (212-567-3601, h.: 212-566-1626, of.). From the NY side of the GWB. Loop around Rockland County touring through Blauvelt State Park. Eat breakfast ahead, as we will ride straight through. Paceline riding.


Sat. Jul. 16  GAUNSETT STATE PARK. Leaders: Tom Loventhal (718-847-6048) & Josh Rubin (718-424-8342). From the Statue of Civic Virtue, Queens ("E" or "F" train to Kew Gardens/Union Turnpike). Visit one of the last undeveloped areas on the North Shore of Long Island. Be prepared to carry lunch a few miles along rough roadway to a spectacular lunch site.

Sat. Jul. 16  KINGSLAND POINT PARK. Leader: Jeremy Hermann (212-543-6472, h.: 212-662-9815, of.). From 242nd St. and Broadway (last stop on #1 subway). Ride up through central Westchester to Kingsland Point Park for lunch on the Hudson. Back to the city on Rts. 9 and 9A with Hudson River and NJ Palisades views. Rain date: Sun., Jul. 17.

Sat. Jul. 16  ROCKAHAY BEACH. Leader: John Mulcare (718-672-5272). From Broadway & 75th St., Queens ("E," "F" or #7 subway to Roosevelt Ave./Jackson Hts.). Bring or buy lunch. We stop at a deli before going to the beach. Bring a lock, towel, and suntan lotion, and carry or wear your bathing suit if you might just decide to go for a swim.

Sat. Jul. 16  GREENWOOD LAKE/SKYLINE DRIVE. Leaders: Herb Dershowitz (212-929-0787) & Roberta Pollock (212-864-6182). From the Boathouse. Hot and hilly, but worth it. We'll climb the hills of Harriman Park on our way to Greenwood Lake and continue climbing after lunch with a trip up Skyline Drive North. Small gears are strongly recommended--this ride can make you long for a 28.

Sun. Jul. 17  ROCKLAND AND BERGEN COUNTIES. Leader: Irv Weisman (212-562-7298, h.: 212-241-4783, of.). From the GNB Bus Terminal ("A" train to 175th St.). This is a repeat of one of the B- Progressive Training Rides, with scenic S. Mountain Rd., W. Saddle River Rd. express, and the usual twists and turns in suburbia to avoid highly travelled roads. Three snack/lunch stops. Participants must have completed a 50-mi. ride and have low gears.

Sun. Jul. 17  SUMMER OUT OF THE CITY. Leaders: Christy Guzzetta (212-595-3674), and Ken & Marilyn Weisman (212-222-5527). Meet at the Coliseum (59th St./Columbus Circle) at 9 AM, or by the church at 179th St. & Ft. Washington Ave.) at 9:45 AM. Join three new "C" leaders for a cruise on up to Tallman Park. We'll ride along $1 million estates and horse farms. Don't forget your bathing suits because once we get there, we'll go for a dip in the pool. Also, don't forget your appetite because we'll stop at a nearby deli in preparation for our lunchtime picnic. You'll need some money to get into the pool, to buy lunch (or bring it along), and don't forget a
ALL-CLASS INJURED Special Interest Group. Time and location to be determined. Movies?
Museums? Galleries? A relaxed brunch? There are other things in life besides cycling. Let's
take advantage and expand our minds while our bodies mend. Call Caryl Hudson (212-595-7010).

SAT. JUL. 23
9:00 AM
INTERVALS! - A Racing SIG Ride. Leader: Steve Sklar (212-245-3245, h.; 212-558-9253, of.).
From the Boathouse. Interval training along Rt. 9W following the CRC race. Grrrr!
A / 50+ mi.

SAT. JUL. 23
7:15 AM
PRINCETON PROMISE. Leader: Steve Baron (212-228-0555). From the SI Ferry. If it's too hot
or I'm too out of shape, we'll turn around at the end of the D/R Canal. Bring low gears for
A- / 80-100 mi. Summit Ave.

SAT. JUL. 23
8:00 AM
A SHADY RIDE. Leader: Susan Glaubman (718-596-0477). From the Boathouse. A nice cool shady
ride through Sleepy Hollow with some rolling hills thrown in. Lunch at Briarcliff Manor.
B+ / 60+ mi. Hoping for an early return to the city.

SAT. JUL. 23
FORT LEE PARK, NJ. Leader: John Mulcare (718-672-5272). Meet at the Coliseum (60th St. &
BROADWAY, Manhattan). We'll stop at a deli on 181st St. before crossing the GWB. We'll return
early for the benefit of those of us who expect to be going on tomorrow's All-Class Club ride.
C- / 20 mi.

Sun. Jul. 24
ALL-CLASS RIDE TO BETHPAGE. Join old and new friends for our second all-class ride of the
season. Ride with one of the groups listed below, or meet us at Bethpage State Park at 1 PM
for lunch. We'll be in the main picnic area, near the parking lot and restrooms.
8:00 AM
Leader: Alex Beckerman (212-213-5399). From the Boathouse. A hilly route to Bethpage.
A+ / 100 mi.

8:30 AM
A
Leaders: Holly Gray (718-596-6356), Roberta Pollock (212-864-6182), & Simone Smith (914-941-
5013). From the Boathouse. Ride to the express to Bethpage. We'll be on the same route as the
A- and B groups; with luck, we may see them before the park. The emphasis will be on camaraderie and cooperative riding. Helmets, please.

8:00 AM/
8:45 AM
A/
Leaders: Alinda Barth (718-441-5612) & Hannah Holland (212-666-2162). From the Boathouse at
8 AM, or the Statue of Civic Virtue, Queens ("E" or "F" train to Kew Gardens/Union Turnpike)
at 8:45 AM. This is a tried-and-true Barth route, following the shore line through Roslyn,
Glen Cove, Bayville, and Oyster Bay. We'll cover 55 mi. (45 from Queens) before lunch, but
it's easy terrain. (P.S. - Alinda has added a few hills to the "A" route to keep them
honest.)

8:00 AM/
8:45 AM
A/
Leaders: Debbie Bell (212-864-5153) & Alejandro Caycedo (718-739-4648). From the Boathouse at
8 AM, or the Statue of Civic Virtue, Queens ("E" or "F" train to Kew Gardens/Union Turnpike)
at 8:45 AM. This ride is identical to the "A-" route except that we skip Bayville.
B+ / 85/65 mi.

8:00 AM/
8:45 AM
A
Leaders: Brian McCaffrey (718-634-1742), and Wendy Sharp & Michael Toomey (212-787-6939).
From the Boathouse at 8 AM, or the Statue of Civic Virtue, Queens ("E" or "F" train to Kew
Gardens/Union Turnpike) at 8:45 AM. Another variation of the "A-" and "B+" routes - but
we're the only group that gets to see the beautiful section between Glen Cove and Oyster Bay.
If you have any doubts about the distance, meet us at the Statue!

9:30 AM
Leader: Peter Panico (718-672-7809). From 179th St. & Hillside Ave., Queens (last stop on "E"
B+ / 50+ mi. "F" trains). Cool, tree-covered Wheatley Road with its estates and horse farms - how
to better spend a Sunday morning on our way to join the others at Bethpage?

9:00 AM
Leader: John Mulcare (718-672-5272). From the Burger King parking lot at 179th St. & Hillside
Ave., Queens (last stop on "E" and "F" trains). It's a long ride with a few hills. Bring
lunch or buy it at a deli a few blocks from the park entrance.

Sat. Jul. 30
CROSS WESTCHESTER. Leader: Christy Guzzetta (212-595-3674). From the Boathouse. Up
Riverdale Ave./Broadway to breakfast at the Highlands Diner in Ossining. Then east, east,
east thru Mt. Kisco to Bedford. Turn south, see Greenwich, pass thru White Plains, and head
home. Someone may get dropped (the leader?). Don't worry if you do - I'll give out maps
before we start and see you at the Boathouse when we return.

Sat. Jul. 30
FAIRFIELD COUNTY (CT.) CARTOP. Leaders: Barry & Jan Rosner (212-889-7487 or 212-683-0726).
Meet at the Westport Ct. railroad commuter parking lot. The route starts off relatively
flat, along the Long Island Sound, then turns inland through especially gorgeous farmlands,
around reservoirs, and up and down some intense hills. (An optional loop includes two extra
challenging hills and raises the total to 63 mi.) We finish the ride at the beach for a
swim. Call Barry or Jan, or Brian McCaffrey (718-634-1742, h.; 212-880-9292, of.) for
transportation information. Rain date: Sun., Jul. 31.
Sat. Jul. 30  KINGSLAND POINT PARK.  Leader:  Jeremy Herman  (212-543-6472, h.; 212-662-9815, of.).  From
9:30 AM
242nd St. and Broadway (last stop on #1 subway). Ride up through central Westchester to
Kingsland Point Park for lunch on the Hudson. Back to the city on Rts. 9 and 9A with Hudson
River and NJ Palisades views. Rain date: Sun., Jul. 31.

Sat. Jul. 30  EISENHOWER PARK.  Leader:  John Mulcare (718-672-5272).  From the Burger King parking lot at
10:00 AM
179th St. & Hillside Ave., Queens (last stop on "E" and "F" trains). Carry your lunch or buy
C+C /40 mi.  it at a deli we stop at on the way.

Sun. Jul. 31  NEW JERSEY MISCELLANY--A Racing SIG Ride.  Leaders:  Clay Heydorn & Simone Smith (914-941-
8:00 AM
5013). From the Boathouse. Beat the heat! We'll start early from the Boathouse, have one
A
food stop, and return early. Portions of the ride will allow the Racing SIG to practice their
50-60 mi.
skills. Clay will attempt to stay with the racers and Simone will ride with the rest, or vice
versa.

Sun. Jul. 31  AYN NEw HOPE DOUBLE METRIC CENTURY.  Leader:  Steve Bauman (718-359-7972).  From City Hall
6:30 AM
Park, Manhattan. The annual AYN trip to New Hope and back.

Sun. Jul. 31  EAGLE ROCK RESERVATION.  Leader:  Irv Weissman (212-562-7298, h.; 212-261-4783, of.).  From the
8:00 AM
World Trade Center; meet at the PATH escalator for the 8:25 train to Newark. Loop through
B
Hillburn, Madison, and climb unrelenting Eagle Rock Ave. to the reservation for lunch and a
70 mi.
view of NYC. Bring or buy lunch. Back home via the GWB. You must have ridden at least 50
mi. and have low gears for the many hills.

Sun. Jul. 31  MANHATTAN BEACH.  Leader:  John Mulcare (718-672-5272).  From the Grand Army Plaza at the
10:00 AM
northern end of Prospect Park. Bring (or buy) lunch. We stop at a deli before going to the
C/C
beach. Also bring a lock, towel, and suntan lotion, and carry or wear a bathing suit in case
21 mi.
the urge to swim overcomes you.

Previews

Sat. Aug. 6  PRINCETON (FREE WHEELERS’ 8TH ANNUAL) BICYCLING EVENT.  From Rider College, Lawrence Township,
A/B/C
NJ. 6 routes, 15-100 mi. Helmets required. Registration, $7. For forms, send SASE to
65 mi.  Debbie Bell, 526 West 113 St., NYC 10025. “A” riders interested in riding a century or
9:00 AM
half-century may meet Joe Purman (212-861-5067) at the registration desk between 9:00 &
Debbie Bell, 526 West 113 St., NYC 10025. “A” riders interested in riding a century or
9:30.  Brian McCaffrey (718-634-1742) has volunteered to try to match up drivers and

C/C-

GREAT NECK, LONG ISLAND.  Leader:  John Mulcare (718-672-5272).  32 mi. 10:00 AM from the
GREAT NECK, LONG ISLAND.  Leader:  John Mulcare (718-672-5272).  32 mi. 10:00 AM from the
Burger King parking lot, Queens (179th & Hillside).

Sun. Aug. 7  BEAUTIFUL PEPISCO.  Leader:  Herb Dershowitz (212-929-0787).  65 mi.  9:00 AM from the
A
Boathouse.

C/C-

GREAT KILLS PARK, STATEN ISLAND.  Leader:  Jerry Nelken (718-871-8036).  45 mi.  10:00 AM from
GREAT KILLS PARK, STATEN ISLAND.  Leader:  Jerry Nelken (718-871-8036).  45 mi.  10:00 AM from
Grand Armory Plaza, Prospect Park, or 10:55 AM from the SI Ferry entrance, Manhattan.

Distance varies.  Couldn’t make it July 4th? Well, why miss out on a great weekend getaway?
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Join us as we escape the city madness for the quiet countryside of Long Island’s scenic north
shore. Send a check payable to Martha for $125 not later than July 15th. Late fee of $10
Join us as we escape the city madness for the quiet countryside of Long Island’s scenic north
after July 15th. Call Martha for more details.

Aug. 13-14  10TH ANNUAL DELAWARE WATER GAP WEEKEND.  Leader:  Maxim Vickers (201-474-7165, of.; 718-728-
9:00 AM
7179, h.).  A; 275 mi. By popular demand and with the Founder’s blessings, there shall indeed
Ba
be Gap. Find out how new NY is nearly as bad as we are brought up to believe. Ride out to the
70 mi.
Water Gap via Port Jervis Saturday; return via Washington’s Crossing Sunday. Lovely
scenery, excellent accomodations, great food, splendid fellowship. Climbing primes courtesy
of C. Hailing. Reserve early.

Aug. 13-14  2ND ANNUAL DELAWARE WATER GAP THE "SHORT" WAY.  Call Steve Baron (212-228-0555).

9:00 AM
Holiday Inn parking lot, Middletown, NY. We were rained out on this one last year, but we’re
Ba
braving it back by popular demand. (Brian McCaffrey guarantees sunny skies.) This is a
70 mi.
marvelous ride over rolling terrain through the picturesque Shawangunk Valley. Deli stop in
New Palitz. Picnic lunch in the historic old stone house district. The starting point is
about an hour’s drive from the GWB. Call for directions and if you need or can offer a ride.
Delm Hayes.

Helmets required.
R AC I N G  S I G

The next meeting of the racing SIG will be on Tuesday night, June 28, at O'Hara's Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Chris Matliss. If you are interested in racing, or in riding fast and learning the skills and training methods associated with racing, please join us. R S V P to Roberta Pollock before Sunday, June 26th. Phone 212 - 864 - 6182. The racing SIG will hold monthly meetings at O'Hara's on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The July meeting is scheduled for July 26.

GET WELL SOON

You've probably heard the news... some of our members are not feeling so well right now. Let's flood the mailboxes all over town with wishes of good health. Jan's got road rash from that fall in New Jersey — send her a card — get well soon! Frank's wearing a cast, he calls it fashion, I call it bad luck, call him up, wish him well. Mary's hobbling, Bob's bandaged — a bunch of our fellow members won't be riding with for a while until they heal.

I spoke to a few, probably not all, as many as I could. You know the rest — send them a card, give them a call. They will feel so much better just to hear your voice, just to know that you care. And you know what else? You'll feel better too, just to know they're okay, that they'll be riding with us again real soon.

WE'LL BE SO MUCH HAPPIER WHEN YOU REJOIN US ON THE ROAD

GET WELL SOON!

Christy Guzetta

THANKS FROM YOUR EDITOR

If you ride a bicycle, especially in a tight, fast group, the odds are that sooner or later you're going to crash.

How do you avoid a crash? Be alert — keep a sharp eye on your bike, those around you, the road surface, traffic, pedestrians, obstacles... It's not so easy, is it? Realize that even invulnerable you might crash — and wear a helmet, protect your skull.

I was one of the crashes that made it to the hospital. The good thing that came out of it is a wonderful feeling of caring and support from the members of the NYCC. You visited, you called, you brought fruit, vegetables, flowers, amusements. This demonstration of love and concern not only made me feel good — it's an incentive to do my utmost to bounce back quickly.

I think I speak for all of us who have experienced such strong support when I say THANKS — it would be so much more difficult without our friends in the NYCC.

C A R Y L  H U D S O N
Here it is, a lovely Sunday morning in springtime; the sun shining, the air intoxicating, and I don't want to ride my bike.

Never mind that for the past four years, a day like this presented an irresistible temptation to go out and ride 50 to 100 miles, loving it all. I still don't want to ride my bike.

No, I'm not injured, nor have I found a tantalizing new activity to replace cycling. It's more a question of reevaluating my priorities, and putting cycling in perspective.

Four years of riding 7500 to 8500 miles a year, every Saturday and Sunday during the season, culminating in riding Paris-Brest-Paris last year, was a major commitment, and I'm very proud of what I've accomplished. But enough is enough.

As I write this, I'm listening to the Sunday morning church crowd outside my window: the bells, the singing, the comfortable chatter of the neighborhood waiting for Palm Sunday mass to be over. If I were riding, I'd have missed this. This afternoon the neighborhood will be transformed by the crowds of so-very-au-courant East Village visitors. I'll enjoy that too.

Don't get me wrong; I'm still commuting by bike, and even jamming on the hills sometimes. And I'll be riding out to Dobbs Ferry sometime soon to see if they have any new begonias at the Garden Center. And I'll stop at the Boathouse periodically, because cyclists are really very nice people.

But for the moment, I'm going to coast a bit, and look around, and think about where I'm going next.

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May 26, 1988

Stephen Berger, Executive Director
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
1 World Trade Center
New York, New York 10048

Dear Mr. Berger,

I write on behalf of the New York Cycle Club, one of the oldest bicycling organizations in the metropolitan area. Our membership, totaling nearly 1,000, is made up of people from all walks of life: young adults, parents, and family members, and several individuals 70 plus years of age. We are a group of accomplished cyclists, some of us ride many thousands of miles each year.

Many of our rides go to Northern New Jersey, where the scenery is beautiful and the shoulders are wide along the road. In order to reach our destination, we ride over the George Washington Bridge, as we have been doing for many years. Like you, we are concerned with safe access for all who utilize this passage. We are indeed in support of safe access for all.

However, we have found that climbing more than 5 flights of steps, most of which are steep, long, and hazardous to cross while carrying a bike, is not at all safe. Several of our members have fallen, tripped, and slid down parts of these stairs while attempting passage. Furthermore, it has happened more than once, a member has been mugged and their bicycle stolen while isolated on this side of the bridge. The experience has left us fearful to cross along the northern passage. The use of the ramped access along the south side of the bridge is necessary for our safety as well as the safety of others who are further protected by our numbers.

We support all efforts aimed at safe access for all who use the ramped passage along the South side of the bridge. We will promote safety; through our meetings and newsletters, we will encourage careful riding, in single file, and communicate to others the importance of riding responsibly.

We are part of the public who want and need access to the ramped passage along the South side of the George Washington Bridge. We should not be discriminated against. There is no reason for it. Please allow us equal and safe access; please do not require us by law to use a truly dangerous passage. Please do not discriminate against safe cyclists.

Sincerely,

Mr. Christy D'Agosta
President
toys, toys, toys... by steve baron

The ultimate toy isn't a good-working bike, of course, it is a good-working body. It seems that June is the month of injuries, when casts and crutches are showing up at the club meeting in too-large numbers. The national consumer safety board tells us that we are engaged in the most dangerous of leisure activities. I've learned that reasonably safe girl-watching, when combined with unreasonably unsafe bike riding is like combining nitro with glycerine. My very first bike accident, at the tender age of eleven, was riding into a parked car. And the twelve year old beauty on the sidewalk never saw me. Ahhh, winter will come again, and my attention can again focus on how to pick up dimes and quarters without taking off my gloves or falling into traffic...

I hear occasional complaints that NYCC members aren't friendly to new folks at meetings and on rides. It seems natural to me to focus on old friends, but I've found that NYCC is as friendly as any group I've seen. If you are new, look sexy and be assertive (my column doesn't have board approval). I'll be friendly. So will Herb. Recent testimonials from injured riders confirm an amazing level of support. Someone once suggested you could tell who were your real friends when you were fired (and I'll add) or injured.

I'm reminded that we wear gloves first for their protective value and second for comfort, or maybe style. Mesh backs stretch too much: lycra is the thing. One day I'll design a pair with NYCC shaped holes so we can show our membership in sun tan. If the gloves catch on, then we'll move to jerseys and then shorts....

Mid-year thanks to our club's board. Many of them work incredible hours, all volunteer, and we all get the benefits. THANKS, folks.

training 7 pm central park style

By: Dr. Adam Spitz

Like some other NYCC riders I've been pushing myself to race. To achieve faster times I have been training in the 7 p.m. Central Park training rides from Tavern on the Green. In our 30 - 60 rider peloton we easily achieve 14 - 14 minute laps, but not without a price. A combination of endless road hazards and several less than considerate riders make this a treacherous ride, one that left me head first into the pavement at 35 mph. Unable to get up, I was immediately surrounded by a dozen runners who came to my aid. Only one rider in my group stopped, and this was not the rider who bumped me for a better position immediately prior to my fall. Even after passing me on three successive laps, no one stopped. I was later told that this behavior is typical.

This brings me to my friendly advice if you try this ride (which by the way used to be advertised in the club newsletter). Ride very very heads up, especially if you have a tendency to look down when winded. Obstacles come up suddenly, without warning, and cause the group to break up and come back together in a very disorganized fashion (exactly my demise). The leaders use these opportunities to attack while the chasers aggressively compete for position, regardless of risks involved. So, you might swallow your pride and back off if challenged. Remember, many of these riders are messengers by day and have no conception of a straight line or safety. This is in sharp contrast to the discipline that I have usually seen on the Glaneus ride (see Dave Walls' article from a few months ago). Helmets are of course a must and clipless pedals were helpful in separating me from my flipping bike. Also, I found these back and neck exercises and stretching helped my to avoid injury in these critical areas.

So good luck if you try it. I don't mean to discourage. As for me, I will be nursing my shoulder and looking for safer rides to spin with in the p.m. Call me if you are interested. (212) 580-0530.

P.S. The cops told me about a proposal to ban 7-10 p.m. riders because of such incidents. What's next??
THE RACING SIG

Members of the New York Cycle Club have recently formed a special interest group (SIG) for members interested in racing. The group consists of long-time club members, new club members, men, women, experienced and novice racers, and members who want to start racing.

Activities of the Racing SIG will reflect the interests of its members. The following activities have already been started:

- Monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at O'Hara's.
- Morning training rides in Central Park, meeting at 6 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Tavern on the Green, for three laps.
- Weekend training rides either as a segment of a scheduled ride or specifically designed for the SIG. (Watch for announcements in the bulletin.)
- A Racing News column in the club bulletin.
- Group participation in the Gimbel's ride.

Other activities will be developed to meet the needs and interests of the SIG members.

The New York Cycle Club is, at present, not a racing club. Members who wish to race may do so in two ways: by entering citizens races or by competing in USCF club races or USCF open races. A USCF license is required to compete in USCF races. Local USCF clubs offering training and racing opportunities include:

- Century Road Club Association - Training races divided into three categories (A, B, C) usually at 7 a.m. Saturday mornings in Central Park at West 79th Street and Park Drive. Contact: Lou Maltese (718) 343-8888 or come, watch a race, and pick up a membership application.
- Kissena Cycling Club - Training races in Prospect Park. Contact: Al Toefield (718) 347-8915

For further information about the NYCC Racing SIG, talk to: Roberta Pollock (212) 864-6182, Chris Mailing (718) 847-8304, or Clay Heydom (914) 941-5013

CLASSIFIEDS


Minutes...

NYCC BOARD MEETING, 3 MAY, 1988, O'HARA'S RESTAURANT

Present: Jody Saylor, Debbie Bell, Hannah Holland, Martha Ramos, Roberta Pollock, Christy Guzzetta, Holly Gray, Caryl Hudson, Brian McCaffrey, John Mulcare, Barbara Levitan, Michael Toomey

Absent: Arlene Ellner

April minutes approved.

Holly announced roughly $1200 in the RAAM Fund.

Hannah reported 523 total members to date. Message center referrals are now mailed directly to Hannah.

Roberta would like to see a more moderately paced A training ride series offered next year.

Caryl proposed raising the regular bulletin ad rates which date back to 1984. New rates unanimously approved: Full page $200, ½ page $125, 1/4 page $60, 1/8 page $30. The per-line price will be discontinued. Pricing to be phased in with current advertisers at the Editor's discretion by year end.

Martha proposed offering an Honorary Life Membership to Dan Henry. Proposal carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM.
NEW YORK CYCLE CLUB
Tuesday July 12th

SOCIALIZIE SCHMOOOZ!

Come join us for dinner, meet old friends, and new members
and maybe even get a report from our RAAM team.

Join us at 6pm for spirits or bubbles and schmoozing
Dinner starts at 7pm
Fixed Price
Meat, fish or poultry $10
Vegetarian 7.50
*Must be purchased by 7pm
Diners will receive color-coded coupons
Non-diners seated separately

$2 more after 7

O’HARA’S
120 Cedar Street
New York, NY 10006

O’Hara’s is one block south of the World Trade Center
between Trinity and Greenwich Streets. Enter the restaur-
ante on Cedar Street, go through the door on your right
and go upstairs to our private room.

Bicycle parking is provided. Take the elevator to the 4th
floor and leave your bike in the storage area provided.
Bring a lock for security.

Many thanks to last month’s speaker, John Howard, for a delightful and informative
evening. I will be collecting names of those who might be interested in John’s
next cycling clinic, taking place in NYC August 26-28. Call Michael Toomey at 212 877-5817

NEW MEMBERS

ANDERSON, Karen
BARLOW, Lois
BRANCH, Ray
DEMPSEY, David
DITTEBRANDT, Karl
DRAZIOS, James
EVRA, Sylvie
FABEL, Claudia
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GOLDNER, Jacqueline
GRUMMET, Dennis
GUSDORF, Karen
HACKETT, Marjorie
HARTER, Jim
HENRY, Dan
HOLTZMAN, James
INGLIS, Alan
JOHNSON, Carole
KAHN, Dona
KAUFMAN, Barbara
LEIBOWITZ, Paul
LORENZO, Frank
LOVE, Elizabeth
MAURIS, Kathy
OSBORNE, Barbara
POEMUS, Marc
RENCHWITZ, Annette
ROSNER, Randy
RYAN, Sue
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New York Cycle Club Membership Application

I know that bicycling is a potentially hazardous activity. I represent that my physical condition and the condition of my equipment is to the best of my knowledge adequate to allow me to participate in NYCC activities. I assume all risks associated with such activities, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my application, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the NYCC, its Board of Directors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in NYCC activities.

NAME_________________________ SIGNATURE________________________

ADDRESS____________________________________________________

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CITY_________________ STATE______ ZIP_____ PHONE(H)_______________

DATE________________ AMT. OF CHECK________________________________

I ALSO ENCLOSE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF ___________ TO SUPPORT NYCC'S PARTICIPANTS IN RAAM 1988.

CIRCLE IF APPLICABLE: I do not wish my (address) (phone number) listed in the roster published semi-annually in the bulletin.

WHERE DID YOU HEAR OF NYCC?

OTHER CYCLING MEMBERSHIPS(circle): AMC AYH LAW TA CRCA CCC Other: ______________________________

1988 Dues are $12.00 per individual, $15.00 per couple residing at the same address and receiving one bulletin. Mail this application with a check made payable to the New York Cycle Club to:

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