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September 2010



I happened upon a yellow-jerseyed rider 7 miles west of Michigan City, a vacationer from NJ. We swapped stories till our paths diverged and then I cat and moused a 2nd yellow-jerseyed rider. Later I would re-fuel at Jimmy's and who should be there? Yellow jerseyed rider #2. Refueled and refreshed by Jimmy's fare, a soy tea latte from David's and a few dark chocolate covered almonds from The Chocolate Cafe I waited for Kirk to arrive by car bringing me a fresh set of clothes so I can change out of my towel.

New Buffalo

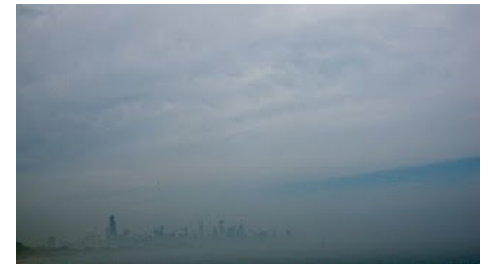
By Susan Reed

Living in Chicago the word Tri-State implies IL, IN, and WI. I recently redefined Tri-State by riding out my alley, down the Chicago Lake Front Path, through the East Side, down the Burnham path, onto Ave "O", through Hammond, East Chicago (that's in Indiana), Gary, and the Indiana Dunes National Park district. On to Michigan City, IN (where my parents had a 24 hour honeymoon back in 1939), and finally New Buffalo, MI.

My several solo treks from home to New York and further east have required passage around the bottom of Lake Michigan, a frightful armpit of steel mills, abandoned buildings, 18-wheelers, and all things industrial sized that further dwarf my vulnerable 2 wheels. And yet, I've felt called to navigate the bottom of the Lake once again.

I rode from home to Lou Mitchell's, an iconic restaurant dating at least as far back as Route 66, and I headed south and east hoping for safe passage into Michigan. I opted for US Route 12 virtually all the way, as close to an Interstate as you can get without having the title of I-12. I was not hopeful; concerned to nervous might be more accurate. Turns out 12 is really not that bad; it just sounds bad, but picturesque it was not. Pleasantly though, the road surface was good, shoulders ample, traffic light, and weather friendly. What more could a rider want?

Company would be a nice addition.



My ride home was equally pleasant and uneventful save the fog that enshrouded the city, this shot as seen from the Lake Front Path about 3100 South.



A Bright Idea

To promote safe bike riding in Chicago, CCC donated 40 Planet Bike Spoke headlights for a Share the Road bike safety event. The Bicycling Ambassadors gave headlights to participants in a Share the Road event in Chicago's 44th ward.

Have you checked the batteries in your headlight and tail light? Do you have a working headlight and tail light? Making yourself visible can help you have a safer, more pleasant ride and keep it legal. Remember - a white headlight and red tail light or reflector is required by law when riding at night.



PREZ SEZ

By Anne Alt



I hope that you have enjoyed riding with the club this summer. The best kind of bike summer for me is one where I get to explore new places and see plenty of interesting new faces. Riding season is far from over. Some of our favorite invitational rides of the season are coming up soon.

By the time you read this, the Boulevard Lakefront Tour (BLT) will be history. I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered for the event. If you rode, volunteered or both, I hope that it was a great experience for you.

I remember my first BLT well. It was 1998, and I decided I was ready to try a different kind of ride. I'd never done an invitational ride before, but it seemed like an interesting way to see more of the city and try a different type of group riding experience from what was offered on club rides. I discovered new places that have since become favorite destinations. The ride also introduced me to the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, now the Active Transportation Alliance.

The North Shore Century offers several ride options from 25 to 100 miles between Evanston and Kenosha. It's hosted by our neighbor club, the Evanston Bike Club, and features delicious homemade food at some of its rest stops. If you've never ridden in our northern suburbs, it's a great excuse to venture up there: www.evanstonbikeclub.org

The Apple Cider Century, hosted by the Spokes Bike Club of Three Oaks, MI, has several routes from 15 to 100 miles.

It's a very pleasant way to wander the country roads of southwest Michigan. Groups from CCC ride it each year. Routes are well planned and marked, and the food is excellent: www.applecidercentury.com

Wishing you a fine September full of riding, with CCC, on your own commute or recreational rides, or at invitationals.

See you on the road!



Thousands of Bike Tours at Your Fingertips

The biciklo website lets riders explore over seven thousand cycling tours, offered by over four hundred tour operators, to help find the perfect tour. There are mountain biking tours, road biking tours, family tours and self-guided tours.

The biciklo Annual Guide, available at www.biciklo.com, is jammed with inspiring stories and images. The current edition features rides in Maine, British Columbia's Gulf Islands, South America and California's Mojave Desert, as well as the seven wonders of the cycling world, Top 5 lists and much more.

Signing up for their online newsletter by October 1 makes you eligible to win an **expenses-paid weekend of mountain biking for two** at Back Country Excursions in Parsonsfield, Maine.

So - where in the world do you want to ride?



CCC Financials: 07/16/2010 - 08/15/2010

Total Assets as of 07/16/2010: \$11,194.37
Total Income: \$517.00
Total Expenses: \$545.66

Total Assets as of 08/15/2010: \$11,165.71

Chicago Cycling Club Volunteer Appreciation and Recruitment TGIF Event: Sept 10

Interested in meeting more CCC members and doing more with the club?

Who Is Invited: Current CCC members and anyone interested in finding out more about Chicago Cycling Club

When: Friday, September 10, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Where: 4350 N. Broadway, 12th Floor

Dial: 773-551-8242 to be let into the building

Food: Pizza, non-alcoholic drinks, and other appetizers will be served

This is an opportunity for members to learn how to get more involved with the club and to thank club members who have led a ride for the club over the last year and helped with other club activities.

Learn about opportunities in 2011 to:

- lead rides for the club
- plan social events
- help recruit new members and promote the club ride calendar
- help out with activities that keep the Club running

Chicago Cycling Club Steering Committee members will be there to discuss ways you can become involved with the club. Come one, come all!



About the Club

Mission

To facilitate recreational bicycling in a non-competitive environment in and around the Chicago area; to promote safe bicycling habits and proper bicycling etiquette; to provide bicyclists an opportunity to network with other bicyclists; to encourage bicycling as a safe and viable alternative to other modes of transportation.

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STYLE YOUR RIDE



JERSEYS

Sleeveless\$50
 (Men: S - XL)(Women: S - 2X)

Shortsleeves\$55
 (Men: S - 3X)(Women: S - 2X)

Longsleeves \$60
 (Men: M - 3X)(Women:
 M - XL)

WINDBREAKER - \$60
 (Men: M - 3X)(Women:
 S - 2X)

GLOVES - \$10
 (XS-2X)

SOCKS - \$6
 (S-XL)

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY
 may purchase these items by
 contacting Duane O'Laughlin
merchandise@chicagocyclingclub.org
 773-612-8157

May not be shipped
 We will meet you at a club event
 or ride or you may pick up items
 by making arrangements to do so
 in advance.

BECOME A MEMBER FILL OUT THE FORM AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR CHECK TO CHICAGO CYCLING CLUB

I, for myself and for any other minor on whose behalf I sign this membership application, agree that 1) bicycling is a potentially hazardous activity and that accidents can occur from negligence or carelessness; 2) ride leaders' maps and/or written directions are provided for my convenience only and not to guarantee a safe route or trip; and 3) I voluntarily participate in club events and assume all risks associated with participation therein, including but not limited to injury, falls, contact with other participants, weather, traffic, and road conditions, all such risks being known and appreciated by me.

Name(s) _____ Birthdate(s) _____

Name(s) _____ Birthdate(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Primary

phone _____

Secondary phone _____ E-mail _____

Emergency contact/phone _____

I obtained this membership application from _____

I want to receive a paper copy of the members' directory Yes No the club newsletter Yes No

I would like to help with the following: ride planning newsletter publicity meetings social events

Annual dues: Individual (\$20) Family (multiple individuals at one address \$25)

Do not share my contact information: within the Chicago Cycling Club with other bike-related organizations

Signature _____ Date _____

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Riders set out for the Photo Scavenger Hunt
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