

Upcoming Events

(Note: Some events require RSVP while other require registration fee)

Local

Tuesday, October 4th, 6:30-8pm

Bike Peoria Meeting – 8 Bit Beercade, 100 State St., Downtown Peoria next to Kelleher's.

Wednesday, October 5th, 4-7pm

Regional Bicycle Plan Open House – The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) is hosting the BikeConnect HOI Regional Bicycle Plan Open House to get public input. After a year-long process, the BikeConnect HOI Steering Committee (I am part of the committee) has identified 1) Recommended bicycle network improvements to connect communities in our region. 2) Recommended action items for strengthening bike transportation in our region. Now, TCRPC is seeking feedback.

You will be able to vote on what bicycle projects you think are most important for the region and use our Innovation Board to let us know your thoughts on the recommended action items. You may come at any time and stay as long as you like. For more info about the BikeConnect HOI Open House, please contact Nick Hayward of TCRPC (nhayward@tricityrpc.org, 309-673-9330). Help spread the word to your friends

Saturday in October, date and time TBD

Chicken Run Ride - IVW resurrected the "Chicken Run" Ride last year with great turnout. So we are bring it back again in October. Once again, we will be riding to Busy Corner in Goodfield for brunch. Tentative starting locations: Hickory Grove Grade School in Dunlap, Junction City Shopping Center in Peoria, Russell's and Cross Point Church in E. Peoria. We will have more details on routes next week.

Saturday, October 8th, 8:30am

Vintage & Steel Bike Ride – This is a chance to ride with fellow vintage & steel bike enthusiasts and perhaps show off the pride of your fleet! It's intended to be a medium speed ride along quiet rural roads north of Peoria, IL, nothing too serious, and no drops. The ride will start & finish at Shore Acres Park, 100 Park Blvd, Chillicothe. Meet in the parking area adjacent to the swimming pool. Distance of the ride will be approx. 41 miles no drop. Mid ride destination and break will be at Tanner's Orchard in Speer as they will serve baked goods, hot cocoa, coffee, water. Plenty of apples and cider will be available but you will want to bring a pannier or a big carradice to carry it home. Fortunately, it's mostly downhill ride home. Contact Steve Kurt for more info. (kurtsj@mtco.com)

Support: This is an unsupported ride. Bring your own food and water. Be prepared to handle any mechanical issues that might occur.

Cue sheet: Posted to Flickr album along with some photos from the route. (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/kurtsj00/albums/72157672267200381>)

Thursday, October 13th, 6pm – 7pm

IVW Club Meeting - Peoria Public Library – North Branch, Seminar Room, 3001 W. Grand Parkway, Peoria.

Outside Greater Peoria Area

Sunday, October 2ⁿ – 7am

Pumpkin Pie Ride – Hosted by the Starved Rock Cycling Club, the 27th Annual Pumpkin Pie Ride takes you through light traffic roads with rolling hills surrounding Ottawa, up to Sheridan and west of Yorkville. Choose from route distance of 28, 42, 63 & 103 miles. After the ride, enjoy some pumpkin pie and other bake goods. For more info & registration, click on the link below.

<http://www.starvedrockcycling.com/#nil>

For additional questions, contact Starved Rock Cycling Club (StarvedRockCycling@yahoo.com).

Saturday, October 8th, 9:30am

Out of the Box Ride #11: Barb's Birthday Ride – Barb's birthday ride along the Great River Trail is a tradition for the Out of the Box rides and we are very happy to have her back leading the ride after taking last year off! She is especially glad to be sharing the ride and the cake with two other Out of the Box regulars who are celebrating special birthdays. We will enjoy Mississippi River scenery, small towns and parks along the way, and the opportunity to ride on a bike. And the cake will be pretty good too. The trail is paved, and the route will be out and back, so you can travel at your own pace and still join everyone for lunch at the Brothers Family Restaurant. Ride begins at 9:30am at the Riverfront parking lot in Rapids City. Take Rt. 84 exit north from I-80 W. Go a half-mile or so, looking for gas station on your right and then turn left onto 18th Street. Turn right at the river, and go 4 or 5 blocks to the lot.

NOTE: we need a minimum number to keep our restaurant reservation and Barb would like to know how much cake to plan for, so please let her know by October 1 if you plan to come. Of course we know plans can change, but it would be very helpful to get an idea of the expected group size! Contact Barb (bdrake@mtco.com, 309-692-1201) or Larry Trollope (l.trollope@comcast.net, 309-397-2130).

Saturday thru Sunday, October 8th-9th

G.I.T.y Up! Bike Tour – Inspired by the 450 mile Grand Illinois Trail, GITY Up! Is a single overnight, supported bike tour for beginning bike campers, families and experts with restless legs but only have free time on the weekend. You bring your tent, your sleeping bag, your family, your guitar for campfire songs and leave the freeze dried meatloaf at home. Dinner & breakfast are prepared by local caterers. We schlep your overnight gear. (Note: limited area hotel rooms are available.) It's crazy healthy happy fun! **Check out what bike campers got into on past GITY Ups!** How much adventure you have is up to you! Registration is limited to 150 spots. GITY Up! Gets goin' rain or shine. Sorry, no refunds on registration fees. Riding in GITY Up! Helps Trails for Illinois make every home a trailhead. For registration, click on the link.

<http://www.trailsforillinois.org/gityup>

Friday thru Sunday, October 21st-23rd

49th Annual Hilly Hundred Weekend – Perennial winner of Bicycling Magazine and the League of American Bicyclists Best Biking in America Awards. The Central Indiana Bicycling Association, Inc. (CIBA) is proud to sponsor the 48th Annual Hilly Hundred Weekend, a classic bicycling event designed for the touring cyclists. If you like a bicycling challenge that includes entertainment and fellowship with more than 4,000 cyclists from over 40 states and several foreign countries, the Hilly is for you. This three day event (with two days of riding approximately 50 miles each day) is held in the [scenic hills](#) of southern Indiana. The challenging terrain is a wonderful mix of gently rolling country roads and breathtaking hills (literally). New this year: we will have a 33 mile short route on Saturday and a 31 mile short route on Sunday. If you or your riding friends aren't up for the entire 50 plus mile route, come and join the fun anyway. We think you'll like the alternative to the full distance. Register before September 2nd and save \$10! For registration or more info, go to <http://www.hillyhundred.org>.