

SPOKE NOTES

Newsletter of the Cyclonauts Bicycling Club - Springfield, Massachusetts

The President's Corner

I hope everyone enjoyed the warmer than usual fall cycling season. A big thank you to all of you who volunteered to lead rides this fall and to those who filled an open date. Remember to check the website as open dates often get filled. We can now look forward to a really awesome hiking season thanks to all of you who have volunteered to lead hikes.

Special thanks to our hike coordinators, James DeSellier and Mary Ann Siron for all of their hard work completing our Saturday and Wednesday hiking schedules. There is a wide range of hikes on the schedule this season, ranging from climbing steep mountains to taking a walk around Mt. Holyoke College's lovely campus. If you are not sure about the level of difficulty of a particular hike, please use the contact information given to talk to the leader. See you on the trails.

Spoke Notes Mailing

This is the last issue of the Spoke Notes that will be mailed out to members with the exception of the winter supplement containing the membership renewal and banquet reservation forms. The Spoke Notes is available as always on our website at cyclonauts.com. If you have a problem accessing the website or printing the schedules, please do not hesitate to the webmaster Ray Siwinski at (860) 478-8308 or another member who may be able to help out.

Save the Date - Annual Club Banquet and Business Meeting

The 2018 Cyclonauts Annual Banquet and Business Meeting will be held at Tony and Penny's, 18 Canterbury St, Ludlow, MA. We are giving everyone plenty of notice to "save the date," Saturday, April 7, with happy hour starting at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. Please mark your calendar. Additional information and reservation forms will be sent out with the winter supplement in January.

Cyclonauts Jerseys and Shorts

Our distinctive high-quality Cyclonaut jerseys, as well as matching cycling shorts are now available for sale. They are made locally by VOMax, and are designed by our own Marianne Paquette. Jerseys are \$62.95 and shorts are \$78.25. We still have a few shorts left from a previous order; women's medium, and men's medium and extra large, available at the bargain price of \$74.50.

If you would like to purchase one of these please contact Liz Sturgen at LSturgen@aol.com.

If you would like to see a sizing chart use the following link <http://www.vomax.com/content/sizing%20chart.pdf>



Events and Tours

November 5: Chesterfield Gorge Ride

Meet at 11 AM for a mountain bike ride from Knightville Dam area to Chesterfield Gorge. This ride follows a branch of the Westfield River. The trail is a double track dirt road, about 7 or 8 miles each way. Suggest knobby trail tires. Bring a lunch to eat at Chesterfield Gorge and bring warm clothes, etc. as it may be cold. Sue Strange (860) 763-3046.

Directions: Take Rt. 20 west from Westfield to Huntington and turn right on Rt. 112. Follow Rt. 112 north, and about 1.2 miles past the intersection with Rt. 66, look for a blind right turn onto Kimball Hill Rd East. Follow this road to the trailhead where the road widens and look for other cyclists. Please modify the route to suit your needs if it is more convenient to come from Rt. 66 instead of Rt. 20.

In Memoriam



We are deeply saddened by the sudden loss of Suzanne Massy, a long time member of our club, and dear friend to many of our members. Warm, generous, enthusiastic and energetic, Suzanne served our club as secretary from 2005 to 2007 and recently had volunteered to serve as our archivist. She loved hiking and biking with the Cyclonauts and with the Appalachian Mountain Club. She was a champion of green causes and conservation, and cofounded the Wilbraham Land Trust.

New Members

We welcome our newest members: New members: Tom & Rosemarie Robinson, Ann Franczyk, and Jean Thompson. We hope you will enjoy cycling and hiking with the Cyclonauts and that we will see you often. We encourage you to present your ideas, as we are always looking for ways to improve our organization.

Please help us keep our membership records up to date. If you move, change email address, etc., notify Ken Paquette at kenpaq@charter.net or 413-593-3091

Mark Your Calendar

The deadline for the second half of the winter issue of the Spoke Notes is Wednesday, January 17, 2018. All hike schedules, notices, and other entries to the newsletter must be submitted to that date to the editor:

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