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Notes

Newsletter of the Cyclonauts Bicycle Club, Springfield, MA

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This past hiking season had typical New England weather that was constantly changing from week to week. We started out strong with the warm

weather lasting well into the season. With the unseasonably warm weather, we were able to hike with a minimal use of micro spikes. As we got further into winter, we never knew if it was going to be in the 40's or the 20's. When it did snow, it melted quickly. We also had several rain cancelations and a severe cold cancelation (single digit). *Thank you* to all those who volunteered to lead hikes. I enjoyed seeing everyone on the trails.

I would also like to *thank* those who signed up to lead rides this spring. I encourage everyone to consider leading a ride in the future; even if you haven't led a ride before. Without our member volunteers, we would not have rides to enjoy as exercise and a chance to socialize. I hope this riding season will have great weather and I am looking forward to seeing all the riders

out there.

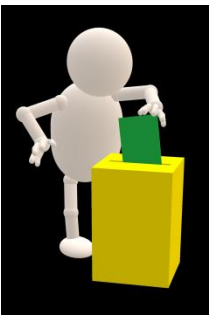
Lastly, I would like to *thank* the volunteers who organized the banquet. It is nice to get back to normal after a few years without a banquet and it will be great to see you there!

James DeSellier, *President*

GET INSPIRED
TO RIDE

1st rides of the
spring season





ELECTIONS



We will resume our practice of voting for club officers at the banquet on 4/29.

Listed below are the nominees for the 2023 officers, **THUS FAR**. Any member can nominate themselves or another member for a position. **Please send your nominations to Sue Strange's attention @ spfldcyclonauts@gmail.com by 4/22/23, so all nominees can be included on the ballot at the Banquet.**

Nominated Officers

- President - James DeSellier
- Secretary - Ann Morin
- Treasurer and Membership Chair - Janet Parslow
- Trips Chair - Betty Siwinski
- Hike Chairs - Mike Cronin (Wednesday Hikes)
Mary Ann Siron (Saturday Hikes)
- SpokeNotes Editor - Donna Katz
- Web Master - Betty Siwinski

Nominated At Large Members

- Ray Siwinski
- Sue Strange
- Diane Goguen
- Bill Grigaitis

EDITOR'S REST STOP



Hi everyone,

Just a reminder: If you wish to contribute, please don't hesitate to submit information you think will be helpful or of interest to the other club members. Send letters to the Editor, or feedback to me at donna.katz56@gmail.com regarding how SpokeNotes can be more interesting or useful to our members.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

This is a place for club members to share their ideas and opinions with respect to all aspects of cycling and our club. Please limit letters to less than 200 words.

BANQUET NEWS

APRIL 29TH @ STORROWTON TAVERN

WHATS HAPPENING

- Social Gathering
- Annual Meeting
- Elections
- Discussion / Vote: re: Raising the annual membership fee**
- And more ???

**The executive board will present justification for and propose an increase to the annual membership fee for individuals and families.

REMEMBER: If you need transportation to the banquet, call Maryann Siron @ 413-579-1688. She'll help arrange a ride for you.



EDITOR'S REST STOP

In the last *SpokeNotes*, I wrote about the work that MassBike, <https://www.massbike.org> does in general, and specifically, regarding e-bikes. They are a vast resource regarding “most things” that pertain to bicycle riding in Massachusetts.

Last November, throughout the state, including Springfield, MassBike and other groups sponsored events in recognition of the World Day of Remembrance for victims of traffic crashes. The events recognized fatal crash victims and each person impacted by fatal or serious crashes on our roadways, including bicyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians. In 2022, 10 bicyclists and many more pedestrians, in Massachusetts tragically lost their lives on our roadways,.



As we approach biking season,
BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!

Photo: 11/20/22 World Day of Remembrance, steps of the Springfield Public Library. Each yellow pair of shoes represents a roadway fatality in MA in 2022.

Another organization that is a valuable resource for all things involving bicycling nationally, is the **League of American Bicyclists**, of which the Cyclonauts is a member.

Their MOTTO:

EVERYONE DESERVES TO GET HOME SAFELY

Their MISSION:

“The League is improving lives and strengthening communities through bicycling. We are more than 200,000 members and supporters strong with more than 1,000 state and local advocacy groups and bike clubs as well as thousands of businesses, universities, and communities together leading the movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone.”

Check out their website <https://bikeleague.org> for a wealth of information that encompasses all aspects of bicycling.

THE WEBMASTER'S CORNER

All members please take note that any communications to the Cyclonauts should be sent to spfldcyclonauts@gmail.com. This includes pictures taken on rides and hikes as well as requests for ride or hike cancellations or changes. This is particularly important when I am traveling, as our club email may be monitored by our President, James DeSellier, but not my private email. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Please let me hear from you as this is your website. As always I can be reached at spfldcyclonauts@gmail.com.

Betty Siwinski
Webmaster
Cyclonauts Bicycle Club

