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Newsletter of the Cyclonauts Bicycling Club — Springfield, Massachusetts



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Last spring it was Rain, Rain Go Away! This spring it was Snow, Snow Go Away! Special thanks to all of our volunteer ride leaders, including those who had their rides rained or snowed out. Hopefully we can use our rained out rides on another sunnier day this summer. We do have a number of open dates, particularly in the Wednesday Ride Schedule. Please remember that without volunteer ride leaders, we do not have a ride schedule. Sincere thanks to our unsung heroes, Janet Parslow and Ted Jeremicz for all of their hard work in putting together our summer schedule.



Our annual Cyclonauts Banquet was held this year on April 7 at Tony & Penny's Restaurant in Ludlow. It was a very special event at which we honored our treasurer, Les Prentice. He was presented with a plaque commemorating his thirty years of service to our club. Congratulations Les! We also elected our officers for 2018 and 2019. Congratulations to Diane Goguen who was elected to the board for the first time. It was a lovely evening with great food and good friends.

A very special thank you to John and Kathy Hawley who have generously offered to host our annual summer picnic on Saturday August 18th. Please see the notice below for details. I hope you all will plan to attend.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC AND BUSINESS MEETING

Annual Summer Picnic

The summer picnic will be held on Saturday, August 18 at 4:00 PM (rain date Sunday) at the home of John and Kathy Hawley, 9 Brenda Lane, Belchertown, MA. As always, please bring lawn chairs, a dish to share, eating utensils and your favorite beverages. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs.

Annual Business Meeting
April 7, 2018 - Minutes

1. President Betty Siwinski called the Business Meeting to order during the Annual Banquet, which was held at Tony & Penny's Restaurant in Ludlow. Betty thanked everyone for coming.
2. Betty expressed thanks to the ride coordinators, Janet Parslow and Ted Jeremicz. She also thanked the ride leaders who volunteered, calling out Diane and Kerry Goguen who led the first club ride of the season in very cold weather.
3. Treasurer's Report - Les Prentice: After paying the banquet expenses of \$900, the club treasury will contain \$1,599 in available funds. Les noted that dues were \$5 per year in 1989 and that memberships at that time were almost the same as the current number.

4. Betty recognized Les for his 30-year milestone as Club Treasurer. In appreciation, Betty presented Les with a desk clock which contained a plaque noting his service. Mary Ann Siron also created a large card with photos which was signed by those present.

5. Membership Report - Ken Paquette: We finished 2017 with 132 members. So far in 2018, we have 103 memberships comprised of 90 single, 11 family, and 14 life memberships. Thirty-four memberships are currently unpaid.

6. Annual Picnic - We need a volunteer to host the picnic.

7. Election of Officers - Susan Strange: Sue presented the slate of nominated candidates:
President - Betty Siwinski; Secretary - Ann Morin; Treasurer - Les Prentice; Trips Chairperson - Betty Siwinski; Wednesday Hike Chairperson - Mary Ann Siron; Saturday Hike Chairperson - James DeSellier; SpokeNotes Editor - Suzanne McAuley; Web Master - Ray Siwinski; At-Large Members - Susan Strange, Mady Schorsch, Diane Goguen and Mary Ann Siron.

Susan noted that Diane Goguen was nominated to replace Don Sullivan who passed away last year. She asked if there were any nominees from the floor.

Motion was made to accept the slate of officers as presented.

Motion was voted upon and agreed by all.
Submitted by:
Ann Morin, Secretary



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next Ride Schedules are due to Trips Chair by August 17th for the Fall Spokenotes Edition.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest member Terry Bennett, Betty Hyde, Steve Taksar, Shelley Pim, and Donna Groccia Lubik.

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.



There are several century rides to support throughout the cycling season through other local cycling clubs and organizations:

June 24th - Discover Hudson Valley Ride, Poughkeepsie, New York. 5 Routes up to 100 miles

July 22nd - Mount Greylock Century, Windsor, Ma. Presented by Berkshire Cycling Association

July 28th - MT Washington Century and Ride, Presented by Tin Mountain Conservation Center, Albany, New Hampshire

August 11th - The Pain in the Mass Tour Century, UMass Campus, Amherst, Ma

September - COVAC still waiting for a date to be posted for the weekend after Labor Day

September 22nd - NCC BikeFest and Tour of the Valley, Look Park, Florence, MA

September 22nd and 23rd - Seacoast Century and Ride, 25, 50 and 75 miles Hampton Beach, NH