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We ride every day!

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Dates to Remember

- Feb 10 General Meeting
- Feb 28 Membership for 2016 ends

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May the New Year bring Health and Happiness to All

RIDE LEADERS NEEDED

Weekend Rides - The ride committee will have the 2017 ride schedule at the Spring Club Meeting on Feb 10. You can look through the list and sign yourself up to lead a ride at the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, look for the schedule on the NFBC web site and contact Brenda Fischer (contact details at end of newsletter) and let her know which ride(s) you wish to lead. It is, by far, the easiest task you can help the club with, but very necessary.

Weekday rides - As of the publication of this newsletter, the weekday Wednesday evening north and Saturday breakfast rides are in need of a ride leader (or ride leader team). Contact Brenda Fischer if you have questions or are interested in leading either of these rides. The recurring rides require a little more effort in being there each week and choosing route options, but it is not difficult. A ride leader team can make the leader chores much easier.

NFBC Memberships expire on Feb 28. You can renew your membership on-line at https://nfbc.com/Apply or you can fill out the form within this newsletter and, along with a check, renew your membership by sending it to Michele Smith, our new Membership Chair, at the address on the form.

In Memoriam

I don't recall exactly when Sue Williams started showing up at rides with Tom. I know Jan, my wife, started looking for rides Sue was attending because they had a similar style of riding, a casual pace with a lot of talking. Sue was proud of new distances accomplished, faster average speeds, but athletics wasn't the important part of club participation. Sue was a big advocate for the social side of the club and soon became an organizer of events (with Tom) like Chautauqua Weekend and the club trip to Ohio.

While I was club VP, I'd often get emails from Sue regarding something with a ride she thought could be improved. Sue wanted to make certain options were available for riders of lesser abilities, such as shorter distances and flatter terrain. I didn't disagree, but kept emphasizing that trying to 'fix' every ride was easier said than done. If I couldn't bring her around to my way of thinking, she'd be back with new arguments towards winning me over. She had a determined resolve about her and put a great deal of effort into improving the club experience for members.



Lundsman Overlook August 2010

About 4 years ago, Sue was diagnosed with a nasty cancer. It took her off the bike and away from most club social functions. What followed were successes, then setbacks. Sue was at this year's club picnic and looked like she was getting the best of the cancer. She seemed cheery, much like her old self. Unfortunately, battling back from each reoccurrence of the cancer took its toll and Sue left us on December 12.

At Sue's wake, Tom reminded me of Sue's ride up to Lundsman Overlook at one of Sandy Nobel's Chautauqua parties. Sue was very much a flat land rider. The climb to the overlook challenged her. She struggled, but wouldn't give up. She made it to the top and was very proud of that ride. Sue fought the cancer in that same spirit. She didn't give up, but after 4 years, simply had nothing left to fight with.

I believe, thanks to Sue, there are many newer club members who were attracted to the club by Sue's warm, welcoming ways. She left a lot of good memories with us, a lot of good times shared. She will be missed.

- Dennis Powell

Editor's note: The announcement below is for an event not sponsored by the NFBC.



What are you doing Memorial Day Weekend?

Interested in riding in Georgetown, Kentucky. The Horsey Hundred cycling event takes place Saturday, May 27th and Sunday, May 28th with optional rides on Friday, May 26th. The website for 2017 will be updated in January. But they usually offer 102 mi., 82 mi., 62 mi., 41 mi., and 25 mi., rides on Saturday and 75mi., 52 mi., 35 mi., and 26 mi. rides on Sunday. All rides start at the Georgetown College. They have great rest stops and SAG support!! They usually have 2,000+ riders. The rides take place in the Kentucky horse country with rolling hills, well-maintained roads, and gorgeous scenery.

Like I mentioned, the website (www.horseyhundred.com) will be updated in January. Last year, Saturday & Sunday registration was \$65 until the middle of May and then went up to \$90. This includes the maps and cue sheets, rest stops every 20 miles, SAG vehicles, and post ride lunches on Saturday and Sunday. The website will have all the details for this year. And they usually have a small gift if you register early.

Accommodations – They usually open the dorms of the college up for people to stay if you would like. They do list hotels and camping information on their website also.

A group of us attended this ride with Alex S. 3 or 4 years ago. It was fantastic!!!! My brother lives in Georgetown and hotel rooms do book fast. Many of us have talked about doing it again this past season. So, I have committed my father and I to do it again in 2017 and if you would like to join us that would be great!!!! I have reserved a block of rooms (10) at the Hampton Inn in Georgetown, KY. They have given me a rate of \$119/night plus tax. The block of rooms is under the name "NFBC Horsey 100 Group" or Group Code Name NFBC. I will lose the group of rooms on May 12th if they are not taken by then. Of course, they have the continental breakfast, hot tub and inside pool and their phone number is 502-867-4888. If you are interested in taking a trip in May, join us. Register for ride (early! and save a few \$\$\$), call the Hampton reserve your room or other hotels or the dorm rooms, and enjoy the ride.

Any questions, please give me a call, 716-479-0841. And, if you do go, let me know. Maybe we could all get together one night and have dinner and/or at least start the ride together!!!

Michele Smith

Congratulations to the NFBC Award Winners for 2016

On an incredibly warm November 18, the NFBC Banquet was held at the Pearl Street Brew Pub. The mild temperatures (for fall) made the excellent craft brews offered by this brewpub so much more rewarding. Following the nice buffet dinner, M/C Jim Karnath, with help from the board members, announced and handed out awards for the various categories, yearly mileage, total mileage, President's Award, Ride Leader of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Outstanding service.

Following are names and categories of award recipients, followed by some of the total annual mileage stats. Linc Blaisdell was also presented with a special gift from the club for his years of service as club President.

A big thanks goes out to Walt Kammer who complies the stats and puts them in a presentable form.

Annual NFBC	2016 Season	
Award Category	Rider	Miles
First Overall	Jack Rimlinger	3923
First Male Rider	Fred Marcheson	3152
First Female Rider	Myriam Tjahjadi	2814
Second Male Rider	Paul Rossi	2954
Second Female Rider	Karen Sprada	2475
Third Male Rider	Fred Kobler	2849
Third Female Rider	Loren Danaher	2376
Most Rides	Robert Lubelski	2680
First Male New Member	William Conrad, Jr.	1863
First Female New Member	Katherine Cammarano	2221
Second Male New Member	Shawn Whitecar	1391
Second Female New Member	Paula Ciolko	981
Third Male New Member	Leonard Epstein	1388
Third Female New Member	Karen Alongi	403
President's Award	Roy Tocha	
Ride Leader of The Year	Richard Amantia	
Volunteer of The Year	Fred Talmud	
Outstanding Service	Rebecca Ribis	

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NFBC General Statistics for year to date	2016	Change
Ride Sheets posted to 11/8/2016	News	15 to 16
Total Number of Miles Ridden by ALL riders:	255,788	2%
Total Number of Miles Ridden by NFBC Members:	221,160	0%
Total Number of Miles Ridden by NEW Members:	18,737	46%
Total Number of Miles Ridden by Guests:	34,628	15%
Total Number of Riders to date (all, incl. guests):	8,827	2%
Total Number of Riders to date (guests only):	1,154	11%
Total Number of Riders to date (renewed members):	7,046	-3%
Total Number of Riders to date (new members):	627	51%
Total Number of Riders to date (all members):	7,673	0%
Total Number of Renewal Members in NFBC:	348	-6%
Total Number of New Members in NFBC:	111	-11%
Number of Inactive Members (non-renewals):	2,713	6%
Number of Permanent MemberIDs Assigned:	3,172	3.5%
Total Number of Paid Members in NFBC:	459	-7%







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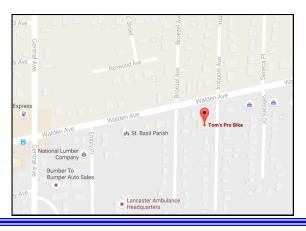
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NIAGARA FRONTIER BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NFBC/LAB RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of being permitted to participate in any way in the NFBC sponsored bicycling activity. I for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree and represent that I understand the nature of this bicycling activity and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity. I further acknowledge that the activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) bicycling activities involve risks and dangers of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death; (b) these risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the activity, the condition in which the activity takes place, or the negligence of the releasees named below; (c) there may be other risks and social and economic losses whether not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I fully accept and assume all such risks and all responsibility for losses, costs, and damages lincur as a result of my participation in this activity.

3. HERBEY RELEASE, discharge, and covenant not to sue the NFBC, the LAB, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessers of premises on which the activity takes place, from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations, and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity, asympone on my behalf, makers a c

INDICEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL BELFASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. FURTHERMORE, I HAVE ALSO READ AND UNDERSTAND

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participating in any NFBC. Sponsored ride.

Duties of Riders of the NFBC By becoming a member of the NFBC, all riders represent they have the knowledge and skills necessary to minimize the risk of injury in the sport of cycling. Biders shall have the following a dditional duties to enable them to make informed decisions while participating in the sport of bicycling:

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 All riders must wear a Snell or ANSI approved bicycle helmet.
 Riders should not ride beyond their limits or their ability to cope with variations in road conditions (wetness, gravel, ice, snow, potholes, etc.).
 Riders should familiarize themselves with verbal and posted information before riding the route. The NFBC ride facilitators do not represent the route as free of hazards to bicyclists.
 Riders must not overtake another rider in such a manner as to cause contact with the rider being overtaken.
 Riders make certain there is adequate safe space between themselves and the rider in front.
 Riders should communicate with other riders by calling out and announcing the following:

 "Car Badc" warning riders in front of them that there is a car approaching from the rear and signaling to single up.
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 "Single Up": telling the group that a car is approaching from the front.
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 "Car Light" warning riders as intersections or other places that a car might enter the path

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 "Tracks" warning riders about railroad tracks. Riders should cross at right angles to the rails.
 "Road Kill" warning riders about dangerous breaks in the pavement. Sometimes riders may just point down to show that something is there instead of calling out the warning.
 "Stopping or Slowing" warning riders a change in speed. This may be done with a hand signal, but a call helps to avoid a problem.
 "On Your Left or Right" warning riders that someone is passing. Riders should always pass on the left, but if they find themselves on the right, they should announce they are passing on the right.

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