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# NFBC Newsletter

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This is a three month edition of the Newsletter.

We want to bring several items to the attention of the membership before the normal March kickoff date and the usual annual meeting.

There will be a general membership meeting on February 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM. It will be a remote meeting held on Zoom. Invitations to the meeting will be sent out via the IO Groups email system. An agenda will accompany the invitation.

The agenda is not complete yet but these are some of the items that will be discussed:

— Ride schedule and mileage.

— NFBC Membership and dues (Charles Grammer has sent out a summary of the dues situation via email. It is reprinted on Page 3.)

— Banquet and Picnic.

— Insurance.

— Treasurer's Report.

— Newsletter. (See discussion of the Newsletter on Page 2.)

— Club trip. None this year.

— Club promotion. New jerseys?

— Charity rides, Ride for Roswell.



## New Email Service and Curtailed Newsletter

This is normally the Newsletter that publishes the ride statistics for all the members who rode during the previous year. This year, sadly, there are no statistics. At this time it is uncertain whether or not there will be any for next year. It looks as though we will be starting this season much like we finished the last one; hopefully, that will change soon.

There is usually not a lot of news at this time of year without the statistics but this is a three month edition and several things are happening. Most notably, the Club has a new group mail site. The Yahoo group site has shut down and our Webmaster, Ron Penton has set up a new site: [groups.io](https://groups.io). Ron has been working hard to get the site working for us and sent out invitations to all the email addresses that he has for members. These were sent out around the 10th of December, so if you have not seen it, check your email and your spam folder. If you can't find it contact Ron and he will sort it out.

We are still looking for editors for the Newsletter. If you are interested, contact me or Joan and we can tell you the details of the job. Our email addresses, as well as Ron's, are listed on the Board Members page. We plan to limit the number of editions of the Newsletter this year. No one has volunteered to take over for Joan and me as editors; we have agreed to do it for one more year. There has been some discussion about discontinuing the Newsletter and that will probably take place at the end of the year unless someone steps forward.



## 2021 Membership Dues

Hi folks,

The NFBC Board has decided that because of the COVID-19 hiatus in Club rides last year, Club dues will be rolled over from 2020 to 2021. For insurance reasons, though, it will not be automatic. You will need to go through either the website to register (without fee) and electronically sign the Release and Waiver of Liability, or mail in a modified NFBC Membership Application (attached, if [Groups.io](https://groups.io) will allow).

**BUT NOT YET! THE WEBSITE NEEDS TO BE SET UP TO ACCOMMODATE THE CHANGE.**

Here are the particulars:

If you:

**Paid dues for 2020:** Your dues will be rolled over to 2021, but you will need to register online or by mail for insurance purposes (The registration form will include a "dues paid 2020" option under payment)

**Paid dues for 2020 and already for 2021:** Your dues will be rolled over to 2022, or let us know if you would prefer to consider it a donation to NFBC.

If you sent a check and it has not been deposited yet, I will shred it and let you know by email. Please email me at [Membership@nfbc.com](mailto:Membership@nfbc.com) if you are not sure.

**Paid dues for 2021 as a new member:** Welcome, and thank you!

**Paid no dues for 2020 or 2021:** You will be asked to pay dues if there is an NFBC picnic and you choose to attend.

Again, please stay tuned for when the website is ready to process registrations without dues. The only option at the moment is still PayPal.

As for rides, stay tuned for more detailed info. In brief, the ride schedule and protocol will be similar to last year.

Ride safe!

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Charles Grammer  
NFBC Membership Chair





# Weekday Ride Leader Opportunities

As you may have read in other places, the 2021 NFBC rides schedule will look a lot like last year's. Both weekend and weekday rides will be posted as "Leaderless" until such time as the board feels it's safe to resume rides with leaders and sign-ins as usual.

Many of last year's weekday ride leaders have indicated that they will return as leaders for 2021, and we are grateful. However, as of right now there are a couple of openings for your consideration. We are looking for leaders for:

- Thursday mornings at Como Park in Lancaster (Ride start: 10:00 AM in April & Oct.; 9:00 AM in May, June, July, August, September)
- Saturday mornings at the Richmond parking lot at the North UB campus ("Breakfast" rides start at 9:00 AM from April through October)

You know the drill: Just show up, sign up riders, provide cue sheets and mail/email the sign-in sheets. Also we can provide you with cue sheets for existing rides from these locations OR I can teach you how to create your own new routes.

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## Wanted: Sunshine Committee Chairperson

Terry Turski has been Sunshine Committee Chairperson for years and she is ready to retire! The duties are simple: on behalf of the Club, send a card to a member who is sick or injured. Information will come from members who know the situation.

If you would like to take the job, please let an officer or board member know.



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## March Ride Schedule

6	<a href="#">St. Patrick's Day Ride (Special Event)</a>	Sun, Mar 14	11:00 AM	<a href="#">Ellicott Creek Island Park (Off Niagara Falls Blvd on Creekside), Tonawanda</a>	27 / 17	271 / 171	<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
913	<a href="#">Swormville Day Ride</a>	Sat, Mar 20	11:00 AM	<a href="#">St. Mary's Church (Use parking lot by the playground and baseball field, off of Stahley.), Clarence</a>	~15-30		<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
918	<a href="#">Hamburg Day Ride</a>	Sat, Mar 20	11:00 AM	<a href="#">Parking Lot behind fire hall, Hamburg</a>	~15-30		<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
905	<a href="#">East Aurora Day Ride</a>	Sun, Mar 21	11:00 AM	<a href="#">Hamlin Park (south parking lot), East Aurora</a>	~18-26	1600 / 700	<a href="#">MD / EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
925	<a href="#">Amherst Museum Day Ride</a>	Sun, Mar 21	11:00 AM	<a href="#">The Buffalo Niagara Heritage Museum (Tonawanda Creek S at New Rd), Amherst</a>	~20		<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
903	<a href="#">Elma Day Ride</a>	Sat, Mar 27	11:00 AM	<a href="#">Elma Meadows Park (Girdle &amp; Rice Rds), Elma</a>	~14-27		<a href="#">DIFF / MOD / EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
922	<a href="#">Lancaster Day Ride</a>	Sat, Mar 27	11:00 AM	<a href="#">St. John's Lutheran Church (east of Central Ave), Lancaster</a>	~15-30		<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
228	<a href="#">Four Way Split</a>	Sun, Mar 28	11:00 AM	<a href="#">Orchard Park Municipal Bldg (Parking Lot behind building), Orchard Park</a>	35 / 24	1667 / 997	<a href="#">MD / MOD</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
924	<a href="#">Pendleton Town Hall Day Ride</a>	Sun, Mar 28	11:00 AM	<a href="#">Pendleton Town Hall (between Bear Ridge and Beach Ridge Rds.), Pendleton</a>	~20-40		<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>



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## April Ride Schedule

903	<a href="#">Elma Day Ride</a> (Dinner, Special Event)	Fri, Apr 2	2:00 PM	<a href="#">Elma Meadows Park (Girdle &amp; Rice Rds), Elma</a>	~14-27		<a href="#">DIFF / MOD / EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
290	<a href="#">Eden-Evans Circuit</a>	Sat, Apr 3	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Parking Lot behind fire hall, Hamburg</a>	32 / 18	1312 / 531	<a href="#">MOD / EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
393	<a href="#">Riding Baer</a>	Sat, Apr 3	10:00 AM	<a href="#">North Amherst Fire Co., Amherst</a>	29 / 20	321 / 218	<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
446	<a href="#">Three Tims</a>	Sun, Apr 4	10:00 AM	<a href="#">The Buffalo Niagara Heritage Museum (Tonawanda Creek S at New Rd), Amherst</a>	27 / 17	391 / 211	<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
709	<a href="#">Toy Town Tour</a>	Sun, Apr 4	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Hamlin Park (south parking lot), East Aurora</a>	35 / 28	1500 / 700	<a href="#">MOD</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
338	<a href="#">Hunter's Creek</a>	Sat, Apr 10	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Wales Town Park (RT 20A, 3.3 miles east of RT 400), Wales</a>	31 / 23	2000 / 1200	<a href="#">DIFF / MOD</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
361	<a href="#">Bill's Training Ride</a>	Sat, Apr 10	10:00 AM	<a href="#">The Buffalo Niagara Heritage Museum (Tonawanda Creek S at New Rd), Amherst</a>	30 / 16	339 / 169	<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
342	<a href="#">Butterwood Bakery Ride</a>	Sun, Apr 11	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Chestnut Ridge Park (Casino Lot), Orchard Park</a>	31 / 21	2000 / 1000	<a href="#">DIFF / MOD</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
397	<a href="#">Wine Xpress</a>	Sun, Apr 11	10:00 AM	<a href="#">West Canal Park (Near Niag. Falls Blvd), Pendleton</a>	31 / 18	600 / 200	<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
259	<a href="#">Half Baked Buns</a>	Sat, Apr 17	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Parking Lot behind fire hall, Hamburg</a>	34	1768	<a href="#">DIFF</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
451	<a href="#">It's Elementary</a>	Sat, Apr 17	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Clarence Central Elementary School (near Goodrich), Clarence</a>	27 / 20	353 / 304	<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()
400	<a href="#">East of Akron</a>	Sun, Apr 18	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Russel Town Park (Clinton &amp; Main St.), Akron</a>	33 / 22	882 / 615	<a href="#">MOD / EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride</a> ()





## April Continued

411	<a href="#">Houses of the Holy</a>	Sun, Apr 18	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Elma Meadows Park (Girdle &amp; Rice Rds), Elma</a>	41 / 26	2800 / 1600	<a href="#">XD / DIFF</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
273	<a href="#">Trash &amp; Treasure Ride (Special Event)</a>	Sat, Apr 24	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Chestnut Ridge Park (Casino Lot), Orchard Park</a>	31 / 21	1300 / 900	<a href="#">MD / EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
383	<a href="#">The Nth Degree</a>	Sun, Apr 25	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Hamlin Park (south parking lot), East Aurora</a>	31 / 22	2000 / 1200	<a href="#">XD / MD</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>
703	<a href="#">Lockport-Middleport</a>	Sun, Apr 25	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Nelson C. Goehle Marina (Wide Waters), Lockport</a>	31 / 21	657 / 531	<a href="#">EZ</a>	<a href="#">Leaderless Ride ()</a>

### **Wanted: Newsletter Editor(s)**

Looking for a way to contribute to the Niagara Frontier Bicycle Club? The Newsletter is currently published ten times per year, and includes the ride and party schedule, as well as meeting notices and other biking articles of interest.

Duties include:

- solicit and edit articles and photos.
- compile and publish the Newsletter on the NFBC website.
- attend Board meetings.

Currently the Newsletter is prepared in Apple Pages and posted to the NFBC Website as a pdf file. Similar software will be necessary if you wish to do this.

The current editors will provide previous editions and information regarding the Newsletter. We will also be available to assist you if necessary.

Newsletter editors are appointed by the elected NFBC Board members, so if you are interested, please contact any Board member!





# Welcome New Members

Joanne Basta, Shelly Unocic, William R. Pioli.

## NFBC Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles to the Newsletter is the twelfth (12th) of the month preceding the month in which the information is to appear. We welcome articles or story ideas about club members or club activities and digital pictures of either, with captions. Send to Joan Charleson or Mike Maher.

## Party Rules

For NFBC members, biking is number one followed by socializing with friends. Get togethers are organized by volunteers in the club who enjoy hosting parties. The host(ess) supplies the facility, main course, soft drinks and, of course, time and energy. Those who attend bring a dish to share, a beverage of their choice, and funds for the "kitty" to offset the expenses of the host. Bring a lawn chair. Be a welcomed party goer and do your share to make these get togethers continued successes for the club.

## Help Spread Sunshine

On behalf of the NFBC we will send a note of cheer to someone who may need it. Notify Brenda Fischer, Club President. NFBC cares about its people!

## 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 travelling 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 conditions 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 I incur as a result of my participation in this activity.

3. HEREBY 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 lessors 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 agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage or cost which may occur as the result of such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE, AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE 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 THE DUTIES OF A RIDER (see NFBC website - documents).

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PRINT FOURTH MEMBER NAME SIGNATURE DATE MEMBER # BIRTHDATE (if under 18)

\* MEMBERSHIP FEE: Individual - \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_\_ or New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Family - \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ (includes any 2 adults and their children under 18 living at the same address) Dues Paid 2020 (no fee for 2021) \_\_\_\_\_ (Submitted for waiver)

Send check payable to NFBC (if applicable) along with signed application to: NFBC

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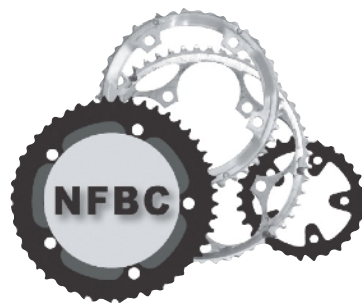
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