



# MBA NEWS

October, 2008

Michiana Bicycle Associa-

## ***From the President:***

This will be the last President's letter for 2008. Time has flown by this year. A lot has happened. Many bicycle accidents with two fatalities. Neither cyclist was an MBA member but they were a member of the cycling family. Let these tragedies serve as a reminder of how important it is to always be alert, visible and predictable while cycling. Cyclists have all the rights of motor vehicles but they need to obey all the laws and rules of the road as well. In order to gain respect, respect must be given. The MBA is a visible cycling club because of the number of members as well as the bright yellow jerseys/T-shirts worn.

One of my major goals is to put teaching bicycling safety back in the MBA program. I will need help from you to attain this goal. I will chair the committee and will count on volunteers to help. I would like to go into schools, clubs, churches and anywhere asked to teach safety. In order to teach safety, we all must practice safety. Remember you are a member of the MBA and your actions reflect on the MBA. Many people come to me with complaints about rude cyclists thinking I represent all cyclists. Most of the complaints are not about MBA members but the general public thinks they are. I don't want you to stop having fun cycling but you need to keep your mind on what you are doing so you will reduce your risk of having an accident or becoming a statistic.

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## ***Road Clean-up***

The MBA has adopted a mile and a half section of Redfield Road (between Conrad and Brush). It's not a big deal. We walk along both sides of the road and pick-up, twice a year. And guess what?!? It's that time of the year again!

So if you want to participate in a little community service, and make your next bike ride down Redfield a little more pleasant, come and join us. We'll meet at Mike and Gail Weaver's, 3354 Redfield Road, Niles, MI at 9:00 AM on Sunday, October 5th. The MBA will even provide gloves!

Ray

## ***Welcome New MBA Members***

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The newsletter is published monthly for distribution to the club members and to other bicycle related organizations. Submission of local and state bicycle news is encouraged as well as cycling experiences and tips on improving the sport of bicycling. Submissions should be in writing. Members may place classified ads, notices of ride companions wanted, and reports of stolen bicycle without charge. **Deadline is the 10th of the month for the following month's newsletter.**

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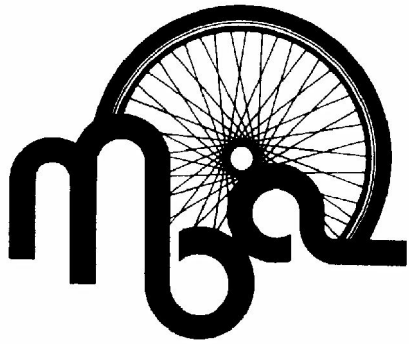
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Club dues are \$25.00 per year. 2008 membership expires on December 31, 2008. The club maintains a hotline (674-0088) which contains the latest info on rides, upcoming events and notes of interest to area cyclist. Individuals desiring further information can leave a message after the recording. Calling the hotline is toll free from South Bend and Elkhart.



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### **MBA WEB SITE**

<http://www.mbabike.com>

Look at the website for details of rides for 2008 club season.

Ride maps are also on the site.

### **Larger Area Ride Information**

Here is a list of some web sites that have schedules of rides in Indiana, Illinois and the Midwest area.

<http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/ilrides.htm>

<http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/mwrides.htm>

<http://www.adventurecycle.org>

<http://goodcyclist.org/States/indiana.htm>

<http://www.cibaride.org/regional/regional.htm>

<http://www.bicycleindiana.org/calendar.htm>

**MBA HOTLINE: 674-0088**

**WEARING AN APPROVED HELMET IS MANDATORY  
WHEN RIDING A BIKE WITH THE MBA**

**These businesses that advertise in the MBA Newsletter extend a 10% discount to members, generally on non-sale items. You must show your membership card to be eligible for the discount.**

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*(From the President, continued from Page 1)*

There will many committees formed this year to take care of club business. In order to have the committees successful, we will need volunteers to be on these committees. I will list the committees and if you are interested please contact me and I will let the chairman of that committee know. Most will not require much time but objective input from several members. These committees will help the MBA run more smoothly and hopefully solve some problems. The committees are: 4-day ride; bicycle education; advertising; club jersey; new/improved bicycle routes; awards banquet; redo the MBA by-laws, and ride scheduling. The chairman of each committee will be selected at the next BOD meeting. Please contact me at [vrecla@aol.com](mailto:vrecla@aol.com) or 269-684-1980 or in person if interested in being an active part in any of the various committees.

Beginning with the first newsletter of 2009, it will be offered on-line in place of paper copy. I hope

this will be the beginning of going “green” to help the environment. If you haven’t returned your request to me opting out of the computer newsletter be sure you get one to me if you wish to continue getting a paper newsletter. A few of you have already sent in your request and I thank you for that.

A questionnaire was sent out in the September newsletter. It is available on-line as well. This is to get some ideas of how to better serve the membership by offering better rides, routes, schedules, mileage etc. Please fill out one and get it back so the board can evaluate your comments and act upon them where possible.

Anyone interested in being on the BOD for 2009 contact me - that includes officers as well as the BOD.

Have a nice fall and winter,

Vawn



The MBA Newsletter is now available for you to view and print from the MBA website: [www.mbabike.com](http://www.mbabike.com). This gives members the flexibility of printing the entire newsletter, or just parts (like the ride schedules), reduces printing and mailing costs for your club, and helps us all do our part for the environment.

For the rest of this year, you will continue to receive a copy of the newsletter in the mail. Beginning January 2009, those who specifically request will be mailed a newsletter.

To request to be placed on the newsletter mailing list, simply fill out the form below and send it in to the MBA PO box.

I AM REQUESTING TO BE PLACED ON THE MBA NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST FOR 2009:

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO RIDE WITH THE MBA. FOR LATE INFO CALL THE HOTLINE @674-0088. HELMET USE IS MANDATORY ON ALL CLUB RIDES. ALL START TIMES ARE INDIANA TIMES.

## 2008 MICHIANA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION RIDE SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER WEEKEND RIDES

—BRING YOUR OWN COPY OF THE LETTER MAPS (A THROUGH X) FOR HOSTLESS RIDES—

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008 AT 10 AM

**Riverside Dr. access Northwest along the border (Map A)** - Head west for riding in northwest St. Joseph Co. & southern MI from Riverside Dr. access, ½ mile north of Cleveland on west side of St. Joe River (park in gravel). Options: 17/25/36/46.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008 at 10 AM

**Knollwood north into Michigan (Map P)** - From Knollwood on Adams Rd, between Grape and Hickory, north of the UP Mall, we quickly are into Michigan for smooth roads with little traffic. Mileage: 10/20/32/40.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008 at 10 AM

**Edwardsburg HS north in the heart of Cass County (Map N)** - This ride starts at the school on Section St., southwest edge of town. Head north past lakes, along wooded stretches & away from most traffic. Mileage: 17/26/34/46.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008 at 10 AM

**Buchanan MS north thru Berrien County (Map T)** - This is the old winery ride & starts at the Buchanan MS for mileages of 21/34/48/61 scenic miles. **Alternate parking for this ride is downtown Buchanan.**

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008 at 10 AM

**Howard ES north to Sunnerville area (MAP M)** - This new start is on the corner of Mannix & Leet Roads, just east of Barron Lake in Cass Co. & north of M 60. ride 11/22/39/51 miles through Cass Co. as far north of Sunnerville & Pokagon.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008 at 10 AM

**North Point (old Mary Frank) ES north into rolling Cass County (Map D)** - This Granger school is on Adams Rd. just west of the SR 23 light, before Cherry Rd. Scenic miles of 12/19/27/38/47.

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. OCTOBER 18 & 19, 2008

#### HILLY 100 RIDE - BLOOMINGTON, IN

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008 at 10 AM

**Knollwood north into Michigan (Map P)** - From Knollwood, on Adams Rd. between Grape and Hickory, north of the UP Mall, we quickly are into Michigan for smooth roads with little traffic. Mileage: 10/20/32/40.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008 at 10 AM

**Buchanan MS north thru Berrien County (Map T)** - This is the old winery ride & starts at the Buchanan MS for mileages of 21/34/48/61 scenic miles. **Alternate parking for this ride is downtown Buchanan.**

## 2008 MICHIANA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION RIDE SCHEDULE

### NOVEMBER WEEKEND RIDES

—BRING YOUR OWN COPY OF THE LETTER MAPS (A THROUGH X) FOR HOSTLESS RIDES—

#### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Horizon ES north into Cass County MI (MAP G)** - This new school is on Brummit Rd. just west of County Line Rd. (Ash) & just north of the Toll Rd. Miles: 13/20/30/41.

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Moran ES southeast to Jimtown & Elkhart County (MAP H)** - The start is on Beech Rd. just north of Lincolnway & 1 mile west of Co. Line Rd. (Ash) Miles: 12/19/28/41.

#### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Osolo ES Northeast to Michigan Lakes (Map E)** - This Elkhart school is on CR 6 at CR 11, Osolo Rd, north of St. Joe River & east of Cassopolis ST. (SR19). Choices are 11/21/30/44 rolling miles north to Union, Summitville & Cass County lakes.

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Riverside Dr. access Northwest along the border (MAP A)** - Head west for riding in northwest St. Joseph Co. & southern MI from Riverside Dr. access, 1/2 miles north of Cleveland on west side of St. Joe River (park in gravel). Options: 17/25/36/46.

#### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Horizon ES north into Cass County MI (Map G)** - this new school is on Brummitt Rd. just west of County Line Rd. (Ash) & just north of the Roll Rd. Miles: 13/20/30/41.

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Edwardsburg HS north in the heart of Cass County (MAP N)** - This ride starts at the school on Section St, southwest edge of town. Head north past lakes, along wooded stretches & away from most traffic. Mileage: 17/26/34/46.

#### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Buchanan MS north thru Berrien County (Map T)** - This is the old winery ride & starts at the Buchanan MS for mileages of 21/34/48/61 scenic miles. **Alternate parking for this ride is downtown Buchanan.**

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Knollwood North into Michigan (Map P)** - From Knollwood, on Adams Rd. between Grape and Hickory, north of the UP Mall, we quickly are into Michigan for smooth roads with little traffic. Mileage: 10/20/32/40.

#### **SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Northpoint (old Mary Frank) ES north into rolling Cass County (Map D)** - This Granger school is on Adams Rd. just west of the SR 23 light, before Cherry Rd. Scenic miles of 12/19/27/38/47.

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2008 at 11 AM**

**Howard ES north to Sunnerville area (MAP M)** - This new start is on the corner of Mannix & Leet Roads, just east of Barron Lake in Cass Co. & north of M 60. ride 11/22/39/51 miles through Cass Co. as far north of Sunnerville & Pokagon.



**2008 MICHIANA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION RIDE SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER WEDNESDAY EVENING RIDES**

**—RIDE MAPS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE RIDE START BY THE RIDE HOST—**

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2008 at 6 PM**

*The last Wednesday night ride for 2008!!*

**Northpoint ES northeast into MI lakes area** - This ride takes us right into MI for 14/19/21/25 miles. We'll use the parking lot for Granger's new North Point ES just north of Mary Frank ES on east side of Cherry Rd north of Adams.

**2008 MICHIANA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION RIDE SCHEDULE**

**OCTOBER TUESDAY 10AM RIDES**

**—BRING YOUR OWN COPY OF THE LETTER MAPS (A THROUGH X) FOR ALL TUESDAY AM RIDES—**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 7, 2008 at 10 AM**

**Knollwood north into Michigan (MAP P)** - From Knollwood, on Adams Rd. between Grape and Hickory, north of the UP Mall, we quickly are into Michigan for smooth roads with little traffic. Mileage: 10/20/32/40.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2008 at 10 AM**

**Northpoint (old Mary Frank) ES north into rolling Cass County (Map D)** - This Granger school is on Adams Rd. just west of the SR 23 light, before Cherry Rd. Scenic miles of 12/19/27/38/47. Park in Martins Parking lot across SR23.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2008 at 10 AM**

**Riverside Dr. access Northwest along the border (MAP A)** - Head west for riding in northwest St. Joseph Co. & southern MI from Riverside Dr. access, 1/2 miles north of Cleveland on west side of St. Joe River (park in gravel). Options: 17/25/36/46.

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2008 at 10 AM**

**Moran ES southeast to Jimtown & Elkhart County (MAP H)** - The start is on Beech Rd. just north of Lincolnway & 1 mile west of Co. Line Rd. (Ash) Miles: 12/19/28/41.

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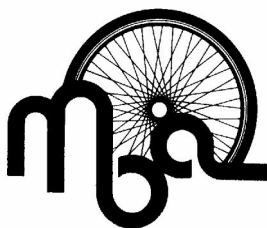
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