Greetings MBA Members!

Spring is not here, but we are getting closer. Hopefully we will find more sunny days ahead and be able to slip in a ride here and there to get warmed up. I don’t know about you, but every winter gets even longer to me. Or it could be that getting older, makes it feel colder longer?

We are already off and running in 2013. In January we had another wonderful Winter Banquet with great food, prizes and Dick Kuehl had another presentation in pictures of our club in 2012. We are sorry if you missed it, as it was great to get together in the middle of the cold and remember what it was like when the sun was shining and the gentle breezes blew. No warped memory here.

As it is now March, a whole new set of officers and board members are working to get the year of 2013 organized to make sure we all have another season of great riding and good times. Please check the list in the newsletter of your new officers and board members. When you see them, introduce yourself and thank them for giving a little of their time to make this club so rewarding to be a part of. There are several of our new members on the list which I’m sure will contribute lots of new ideas.

The 2013 cycling season officially begins with our annual Kick-off Ride on Sunday, April 7th at 1:00 PM at Madeline Bertrand Park. When you go through the gate, tell the nice man you’re with the MBA—and we’ll pick up the $3 fee. After the ride, sit down and have something to eat. The MBA will provide the main dish. If you want you can bring a side dish or dessert to share.

The snow has melted, but the trash is still there. Our adopted road, Redfield between Conrad and Brush, is in need of a spring clean-up.

Meet us at Mike and Gail Weaver’s, 28223 Redfield Road, Niles, Michigan at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 13th. The MBA will even provide gloves!

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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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Club dues are $25.00 per year. 2013 membership expires on March 31, 2014. The hot-line has been discontinued. Information on club rides and up-coming events is available on our website www.mbabike.com.
MBA WEB SITE
http://www.mbabike.com
Look at the website for details of rides for 2013 club season.
Ride maps are also on the site.
Amishland & Lakes Bicycle Tour
Www.amishlandlakes.com

Larger Area Ride Information
Here is a list of some web sites that have schedules of rides in Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.
http://bicycleindiana.org/
http://www.cibaride.org/regional/regional.htm
http://www.mikebentley.com/bike/ilrides.htm
(Illinois)
http://www.LMB.org (Michigan)
http://www.bikeleague.org
http://www.adventurecycle.org

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

The 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):
be a good day to get in a few miles to work out the stiffness and then sample all the good food that everyone brings to pass. If it’s not suitable for riding with rain and cold, come at 2PM with your food and we will eat and have a meeting to catch up on what is in store for 2013.

Amishland will be August 2-4 this year and we are looking for a lot of good people to give a few hours to make this another wonderful ride for all participants. Bonnie Yoder has the famous binder to sign up. This year we would like to have 6 people as “SAG Captains” to take charge of making sure they are set up, stocked, presented attractively and cleaned up. This will be a very important position as the success of the SAGS really makes the ride. Please let us hear from you early. This is the club’s only money-making event to enable us to support Pumpkinvine, Helmet Safety Classes, Granger Paths and many other advocacy groups that promote bicycling.

Well, I’m all warmed up. If I had a connection with Jimmy Dean, I could break out the breakfast sandwiches and the sun would come out. Don’t forget to tune up your bike and air out your clothes. Let’s all be sure to be CAREFUL and be SAFE. Happy Trails!

Gail Weaver

Three foot law passes South Bend Common Council

The South Bend Common Council voted 9-0 Monday March 11th in favor of an ordinance requiring motorists to provide at least three feet distance when passing cyclists on city streets. The ordinance was introduced by Gail Ferlic on behalf of the Bike Michiana Coalition. The ordinance is intended to educate drivers and bike riders about the need to share the road while reducing the number of car-bike accidents in the city. Motorists who violate the law will be fined $15.00.

“Passage of this ordinance demonstrates South Bend’s effort to promote the safety of cyclists and encourage mutual respect of all users of our roads,” Bike Michiana Coalition President Judy Lee said. South Bend is the third Indiana city to pass this type of law following Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. No similar state law exists.

In addition to Ferlic and Lee, a number of people spoke in favor of the ordinance including South Bend Police Chief Ron Teachman. Teachman prefaced his remarks by noting that he bikes on a regular basis for recreation, fitness and as an alternative to driving. He stated “I believe this ordinance gives us a platform for enforcement by way of education first.”

No one spoke in opposition of the ordinance.

Information provided by the South Bend Tribune March 12, 2013
MBA
Annual Banquet

The annual banquet took place for the Michiana Bicycle Association

Gail presented the slate of officers and board members. Phyllis made the motion to accept the slate;

Judy Lee seconded the notion. In the absence of any other people who are interested, this will be the

Officers and board members. Susan Deitzel graciously consented to be the incoming Secretary as the

position was vacant. Christine Weist volunteered to take Susan Deitzel’s place on the Board.

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Judy Lee asked all club members to encourage the Common council to pass a 3-ft law for automobiles.

A short discussion followed this.

Gail announced the Swap Meet will be at Pinhook-March 17, 2013.

There being no further business, Dick Kuehl presented the year in review for 2012.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce McNarney
Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

⇒ March 17th: The annual Swap Meet sponsored by the Michiana Bicycle Association (MBA) and the Northern Indiana Mountain Bike Association (NIMBA) is Sunday March 17th Pinhook Park pavilion. There is no charge for buyers or sellers. Anyone is welcome to bring bicycle related items to sell. Sellers should arrive between 11:00 and 11:30 to setup. Buyers should arrive between 12:00 and 2:30. First-come first-serve for table space.

⇒ April 28th 8am-2pm: The Ride for Recovery is a family-fun fitness event & fundraiser for Dawn Farm. The event will include opportunities to participate at various fitness levels, including bike rides from 10-100K & 5K/10K walk/runs. There will be activities for children, farm tours, animals to pet, & a Recovery Celebration Lunch. The event is sponsored by Team MANA (a cycling team of nurse anesthetists). CONTACT INFO: 734-485-8725 or RideForRecovery@dawnfarm.org

⇒ May 18th 6:30am-11:30am: Bike the Bend is a non-competitive bike tour for all ages & skill levels on vehicle restricted streets on the 30 mile route starting at St. Patrick’s Park. CONTACT INFO: bikethebend.com

⇒ June 15th: Pumpkinvine Ride has multiple routes for riders form 10-100 miles. Rides over 21 miles start in either Goshen or Shipshewana. There is also a warm-up ride and Amish-cooked Thresher’s dinner on Friday 6/14. All ride proceeds support trail maintenance. CONTACT INFO: www.pumpkinvine.org

⇒ August 2-4: Amishland & Lakes is a wonderful weekend of riding and socializing. It is also the primary fundraiser for MBA. Please reserve these dates to ride and VOLUNTEER. Contact any board member or officer for information on volunteering.
MBA Board Meeting  
March 3, 2013

All Present
Officers: Gail Weaver (President), Bonnie Yoder (VP), Kristin Brandon (VP Publishing), Susan Dietzel (Secretary), Dick Kuehl (Treasurer)
Board: Jerry Dietzel, Dave Hicks, Greg Hicks, Debbie Johnson-Miller, Andrea Langhurst, Eldon Nifong, Randy Shaull, Chris Vanden Bossche, Christine Weist, Marlon Yoder

Gail Weaver opened the meeting.
Banquet Meeting Minutes read and approved: Chris Vanden Bossche – motion; Eldon Nifong – seconded

10-07-12 Meeting Minutes read and approved: Bonnie Yoder – motion; Chris Vanden Bossche – seconded

Treasurer Reports
Dick Kuehl passed out the Treasurer Report and 2013 Budget & Donation/Dues Proposal.
As of December 31, 2012, we have a balance of $45,063.95.
Because the club has profited from Amishland & Lakes for two consecutive years, Dick suggested increasing our donations due to our substantial balance.
Gail Weaver proposed raising our 2013 Helmet donation from the proposed $2000 to $3000 (up from $500 in 2012). Judy Lee brings our bicycle safety program to area public elementary schools and will be able to purchase an adequate number of quality helmets for young riders. The proposal was approved: Chris Vanden Bossche – motion; Jerry Dietzel – seconded.

2013 Committees
The following committees were established:
Marketing: Eldon Nifong (leader), Christine Weiss, Andrea Langhurst, Dick Kuehl
This group will focus on promoting the club and increasing membership.

Greg Hicks is taking the lead for the Swap Meet at the Pinhook Park Pavilion on March 17 from noon to 2:30. Set-up assistance is needed at 11:00, and clean-up assistance is needed afterwards.

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Board minutes continued

Jersey: Jerry Dietzel (leader)
This group will process orders for the club jersey.

Social: Bonnie Yoder (leader), Dave Hicks, Jerry & Susan Dietzel
This group will set up special events for club members with a goal of one per month during the season.

The Madeline Bertrand Park Pavilion has been reserved for both the Kickoff Ride on April 7 @ 1:00 p.m. and the Summer Solstice Ride on June 19 @ 6:00 p.m.
Jerry and Susan Dietzel will see to main dish items and beverages for both events.

Ride: Chris Vanden Bossche (leader)
This group will set up the annual ride schedule.
New leaders for the Monday Night Leisure Ride are needed. Eldon Nifong will be in training and Greg Hicks has expressed interest.

4 Day Ride: None as yet, but the club would like to continue the tradition.

All MBA members are encouraged to volunteer their help throughout the year during the rides and events. We have plenty of service and fellowship opportunities! New committees will be formed as needed.

Adjournment: Bonnie Yoder – motion; Kristin Brandon – seconded
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All miles contest. In 2013, we'll continue the all miles competition. It is on the honor system. Keep a record of dates and the number of miles you rode each day. Submit a copy of your record between Jan. 1 and Jan. 15, 2014.

Commuter miles. Record your commuter miles using the honor system, as for the all-miles contest, and turn them in between Jan. 1 and Jan. 15, 2014.

Club miles contest. We will continue to have a club miles competition as in previous years. Only rides begun at the official start time count towards this competition. As in the past, miles will be recorded on the sign in sheet and posted on the web site.

April Weekend Rides

Most weekend rides do not have a host so bring your own map or ask another member at the ride. You can download a copy from the “Weekend Maps” list on the MBA website at mbabike.com. To obtain a complete set of maps and cue sheets contact Chris Vanden Bossche at 574-234-1035, or cvandenb@nd.edu, or at a ride.

11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 6, 2013
Summerville Northwest. Head north of Berrien Springs along the river, then through orchard country. Count on a stop at Tree-mendous Fruit Farm. Distances: 21, 31, 42, 48, 59, 67. Summerville is a village 7 miles north of Niles and about 1 mile west of MI-51. Park at Arthur Dodd Park, which is just west of Summerville. Take MI-51 north from Niles, go west on Pokagon into Summerville, turn right on Indian Lake (by the tavern) and then immediately left. Take the first left onto Old Indian Lake and then an immediate left onto Creek. The park will be about a hundred yards down the road on your left. Distances: 21, 31, 42, 48, 59.

NOTE: SPECIAL START TIME!
1:00 p.m. Sunday, April 7, 2013
KICKOFF RIDE, Potluck and General Meeting, Madeline Bertrand Park. We will ride at 1:00 from Madeline Bertrand Park and then stay for the potluck. Bring a potluck dish as well as your plates and utensils. The club provides beverages. Bertrand Park is at 3038 Adams Road, Niles, north of St. Patrick’s Park and Stateline Rd and south of Bertrand. Note: Tell the attendant at the entrance that you are with the MBA group and you won’t have to pay the entry fee.

Saturday, April 13, 2103 at 11 a.m.
Edwardsburg North. Join the Redfield Road trash pick-up today, then head north over a few rolling hills towards Cassopolis and Dowagiac and return via Eagle Lake. Distances: 17, 26, 35, 44, 55, 66. Meet at the High School (69410 Section Street, Edwardsburg, MI), the southernmost school on Section St, which runs south of US-12 and parallel to MI-62 (IN-23 in Indiana). Map.

Sunday, April 14, 2103 at 11 a.m.
Warren. This route heads southwest toward Fish Lake. A couple miles of chip and seal near the start/finish are more than made up for by the pleasant roads of La Porte County. Distances: 18, 25, 32, 39, 50, 61. Park at Warren Elementary School (55400 Quince Rd), which is in Lydick west of South Bend, ½ mile south of Edison, 1 mile north of SR-2 (Western) & 2 miles west of the US-20/31 Bypass.
Saturday, April 20, 2103 at 11 a.m.

**Buchanan North.** Head north through wine country and expect some hills in this area of glacial moraines. Distances: 14, 20, 34, 44, 54, 63. Meet at Buchanan Middle School (610 W 4th St.), which is a few blocks north and west of the town’s main intersection at Redbud and Front.

Sunday, April 21, 2103 at 11 a.m.

**Baldwin Prairie.** These routes head north through Michigan lake country, with the longer routes returning along the St. Joseph River. Distances: 13, 25, 31, 39, 49, 61. Meet at the former Baldwin Prairie Elementary School on the south side of U.S.-12, east of Union, MI and just west of Baldwin Prairie Rd.

Saturday, April 27, 2103 at 11 a.m.

**Edwardsburg East.** These routes run east towards Union, with the longer ones heading north from there toward Birch Lake. Distances: 17, 26, 34, 44, 55, 66. Meet at the High School (69410 Section Street, Edwardsburg, MI), the southernmost school on Section St, which runs south of US-12 and parallel to MI-62 (IN-23 in Indiana).

Sunday, April 28, 2103 at 11 a.m.

**Niles.** These routes head north from Niles in the direction of Indian Lake and Sister Lakes. Distances: 21, 33, 42, 49, 59. Use the Riverfront Park parking lot on the northeast corner of Main and Front in Niles, MI. (Alternative start location: If there are special activities and you can’t park at Riverfront Park, start from Ring Lardner School at 801 North 17th Street. All routes pass the school.)

**NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME!**

Saturday, May 4, 2103 at 10 a.m.

**Summerville Northeast.** These routes head north through the beautiful country around Sister Lakes and then circle down northwest of Dowagiac. Distances: 14, 24, 31, 44, 56, 71. Summerville is a village 7 miles north of Niles and about 1 mile west of MI-51. Park at Arthur Dodd Park, which is just west of Summerville. Take MI-51 north from Niles, go west on Pokagon into Summerville, turn right on Indian Lake (by the tavern) and then immediately left. Take the first left onto Old Indian Lake and then an immediate left onto Creek. The park will be about a hundred yards down the road on your left. Distances: 21, 31, 42, 48, 59.

**NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME!**

Sunday, May 5, 2103 at 10 a.m.

**Lakeville.** Distances: 19, 29, 37, 47, 63. These routes head south from Lakeville towards Koontz Lake, Walkerton, and Ancilla College. Start from Newton Park (US-31 @ IN-4); park in the Magnus Dr lot one block west of US-31 and south of IN-4.
April Tuesday Rides

Tuesday rides do not have a host so bring your own map or ask another member at the ride. You can download a copy from the “Tuesday Maps” (formerly “Letter Maps”) list on the MBA website at mba-bike.com.

NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME!
Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at 11 a.m.

Edwardsburg. Head north toward Dowagiac and Southwest Michigan College and expect a few rolling hills. Distances: 16, 22, 35, 45. Meet at the High School (69410 Section Street, Edwardsburg, MI), the southernmost school on Section St, which runs south of US-12 and parallel to MI-62 (IN-23 in Indiana).

Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 11 a.m.

Jackson Middle School. This route takes us southwest toward Potato Creek State Park and North Liberty. Expect a few rolling hills. Distances: 15, 20, 31, 41. Jackson School (5501 S. Miami Rd., South Bend) is at the intersection of Miami and Jackson Rds., just south of the US-20 bypass.

Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 11 a.m.

Martin’s Supermarket Granger /Mary Frank/Northpoint. Martin’s Supermarket, Granger. This route heads over a few rollers up toward Barron Lake and then loops back through Edwardsburg. Distances: 12, 19, 27, 38, 47. Park at the Martin’s parking lot (12850 St. Rd. 23, Granger), near the McDonalds, just south of the Adams/IN-23 traffic signal.

Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 11 a.m.

Summerville. These routes travel north through orchard country (passing Tree-mendous and Wicks) up toward Sister Lakes. Distances: 18, 27, 37, 50. Summerville is a village 7 miles north of Niles and about 1 mile west of MI-51. Park at the church (61268 Indian Lake Rd.) on the west side of Indian Lake Rd, just south of Pokagon Rd.

NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME!
Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at 10 a.m.

Knollwood. These routes quickly exit the suburbs and emerge into southern Michigan; the long route loops through Morris Farms. Distances: 10, 20, 23, 32, 40. Park at the Knollwood Country Club (16633 Baywood Ln, Granger, IN), which is north of University Park Mall, just west of the intersection of Adams and Grape.

March & April Wednesday Evening Rides

Weather permitting, we will begin our Wednesday night rides on March 13.

Wednesday, March 13, 2103 at 6 p.m.

Moran. Enjoy the mostly flat Indiana farmland southeast of Osceola. Distances: 13, 17, 23, 28, 33. Meet at Moran Elementary School (305 N Beech Rd, Osceola), which is about two blocks north of Lincolnway and one mile west of the Elkhart County line. During the school year park on the street.
Wednesday, March 20, 2103 at 6 p.m.

**Horizon.** These routes go north through Michigan lake country. Distances: 13, 19, 25, 35. Meet at Horizon Elementary School (10060 Brummitt Rd), which is in northeastern St. Joseph County north of Cleveland Rd and the Toll Road between Beech and Ash Rds.

Wednesday, March 27, 2103 at 6 p.m.

**Ring Lardner.** Head north towards Barron Lake and then, on longer routes, up Anderson hill towards Dowagiac. Distances: 16, 20, 24, 29, 35. Meet at Ring Lardner Middle School (801 North 17th Street, Niles, MI), which is north of MI-60 and south of Lake St. on the east side of Niles.

Wednesday, April 3, 2103 at 6 p.m.

**Tire Rack North.** This route takes us around Mud Lake in southwest Michigan. Distances: 19, 23, 27, 33. Park at the far (west) end of the lot on the north side of the Tire Rack (7101 Vorden Parkway), which is just southwest of the Indiana Toll Road/US-31 Bypass interchange. The entrance to the lot is on the Vorden Parkway off Olive St. between Old Cleveland and Brick.

Wednesday, April 10, 2103 at 6 p.m.

**Bertrand Township Hall.** Enjoy the beautiful area southwest of Buchanan and expect some hills in this area shaped by glacial moraines. Distances: 11, 17, 23, 29, 36. The hall is on Buffalo Rd just west of Redbud Trail (from South Bend take the US-31 bypass and exit west on US-12 to Redbud then turn south to Buffalo).

Wednesday, April 17, 2103 at 6 p.m.

**Northpoint.** Roll past Garver and (for most routes) Eagle Lakes in southern Cass county. Distances: 17, 22, 25, 33, 36. Park at Northpoint Elementary School (50800 Cherry Rd, Granger), which is just north of the intersection of Cherry and Adams Rds and west of the Adams/IN-23 traffic signal.

Wednesday, April 24, 2103 at 6 p.m.

**Warren.** This route heads west towards (and at longer distances around) Hudson Lake. Distances: 17, 22, 26, 31, 36. Park at Warren Elementary School (55400 Quince Rd), which is in Lydick west of South Bend, ½ mile south of Edison, 1 mile north of SR-2 (Western) & 2 miles west of the US-20/31 Bypass.

Wednesday, May 1, 2103 at 6 p.m.

**Knollwood.** These routes quickly exit the suburbs and emerge into southern Michigan east of Niles. Distances: 15, 19, 24, 28, 35. Park at the Knollwood Country Club (16633 Baywood Ln, Granger, IN), which is north of University Park Mall, just west of the intersection of Adams and Grape.
## 2013 Membership, Newsletter Application, and Dues

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| Name: ____________________________ | E-Mail: ____________________________ |
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Make check payable to MBA  
Membership fee ........$25.00 per individual or family living at same address  
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Please check:  
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Name & ages of participating bicyclists in immediate family:

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