



The Bedminster Flyer June–July, 2010

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Message from the President

John Kinsey

Summer is here. Warm Days, late evenings and long rides. Feels great to be alive. But given the number of crazy people driving around in cars lately, a reminder is in order. We received an email from a Far Hills resident that says it all....

"I live in the area and have lived in New Jersey for twenty years until the last couple of years I have had no problem with cyclists. Recently my wife and daughters have had multiple close calls that would have resulted in serious injury to us or the cyclist. For me it would be caused by a head on with traffic trying to go around a pack of riders. I don't care about your riding or not riding. I simply don't want to be part of injuring or worse another person no matter how stupidly they may ride. My insurance is too high now and my liability coverage is next to nothing. If your group is really what your web site projects you might want to at least talk to the riders that are creating an atmosphere of hate. I've lived in

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Texas and I don't want to see that kind of behavior take place here." Tim Taylor

In some respects, we are our own worst enemy. As a ride leader and as a member of many large group rides, I can attest to the number of times that "CAR BACK" has been called and the group ahead continues to ride two or three abreast, apparently unconcerned about the traffic trying to get past the group. We not only have an obligation to safely move over, but we invite the wrath of the few drivers who would love to see us disappear into the ditch. I can guarantee that, in any car vs. bicycle encounter, the car WILL win. We may be right, but we will also be on the ground, perhaps dead right. When someone in the group calls out "car back"...safely MOVE OVER TO THE RIGHT as soon as possible.

Road ID Get an ID and keep it with you or wear it every time you ride. You put your helmet on every time. Do the same with your ID. Club member Joann Ordille was recently in a serious collision with a car. She is going to be OK, but had it not been for the Road ID on her wrist, the first responders would not have been able to quickly get in touch with her best friend to be with her at the hospital. Her cell phone with her emergency contact information was in her back pocket. It was working but since Joann was on her back on a backboard and neck brace, the phone was not available until well after her arrival at the hospital. Go to: www.RoadID.com for a good ID. Until July 10, use this coupon code **ThanksJohn767739** for a \$1.00 (pays for the postage, almost).

See you out on the road and don't forget to Share the Road. – John



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Events

Kimberly Borin

Mystery History Tour Sunday, August 15th. Looking for a really fun Century Ride? Try this ride from Greenville, NY (near High Point, NJ) to Lambertville, NJ, along the length of NJ Route 519. Maximum of 35 riders. Sponsored by Marty's Reliable Cycle of Hackettstown. Email John Kinsey (president@bedminsterflyers.com) if you have questions. To Register for this event: <http://www.bikereg.com/events/register.asp?eventid=11156> Look for an alternate 50-miler the same day also ending in Lambertville. Details to come in July.

Adopt-a-Road Cleanup – Sunday, August 22, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the [Medical Building](#) next to the Shell station, across from the Bedminster Library near intersection of Route 206 and Lamington.

All members and children over 12 years old and under the supervision of a parent are welcome. We'll be done in about an hour.

An **RSVP** to [Gail Cookson](#) would be appreciated for planning the supplies needed. Hiking boots preferable to sneakers but whatever you've got – wear 'em. Gloves and hats will be provided (and dorky caution vests).

For future reference, the last date for this year will be Saturday, November 7, 9:30 am.

End of Summer Ride and Picnic –
Sunday, September 19, 2010 at Pickell Park, Readington Township.

Please join us for our annual ride and picnic! We'll have rides of varying levels that will leave from Pickell Park at 10:00 AM. The picnic will start after the rides around 12 Noon. Kids are welcome to join us at the picnic. The club will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments, and soft drinks. Members will be asked to bring salads, desserts, or beer/wine to share. We will need a few ride leaders too!

More information will be forthcoming through e-mail. For now, please save the date. We look forward to celebrating with you! In the meantime, best wishes for happy and safe riding!



Membership

Lynda Brush

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Nancy Finn: Far Hills

Laura Mannes: Westfield

Cheryl Oberman: Westfield

Kate Pierce: Bedminster

Thomas Rapp: High Bridge

Jack Reeves: Asbury

