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GREETINGS, CVC MEMBERS!

July started off with the 4th of July Ride to Shell Rock with an estimated 70 riders joining the 50-mile ride. Many riders chose to stay and enjoy the parade and other festivities, and some chose to extend their ride through Waverly, Denver, and beyond!

Next up was the Century Ride on the 15th, which also had over 70 registered riders. Riders chose between a 62 mile route and a 100 mile route, with a CVC-sponsored stop in Wellsburg

for refreshments. Special thanks go to Angie White and her crew of volunteers for organizing and running this ride!

Many of you just returned from RAGBRAI, so please extend "thanks" to Angie White and Andy Frey, the CVC Board members who were in charge of RAGBRAI for the club this year. I camped two nights with CVC this year and we had a great crew of workers - thanks Mary Mueller and crew!

Next up we have the High Nelly Bike Rally during Irish Fest on August 5. This is not an official CVC ride, but we are a sponsor and it is always a fun ride! For more details, check out the High Nelly Bike Rally 2023 Facebook page.

WOW rides continue every Wednesday Through September, so don't hang up your bike for the year just because RAGBRAI is over! Special thanks to WOW Director Andy Weidner and everyone that has been helping lead and sweep these rides. And don't forget CVC time trials will be held on the last three Thursdays in August! - Cindy Angel, CVC President



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August 5 – Irish Fest Ride

August 17, 24, & 31 – Fall Time Trials: starting at 6 p.m. from 27th Street in CF

September 7 – Fall Time Trials: starting at 6 p.m. from 27th Street in CF

October 4 – Breast Cancer Awareness Ride

November 4 – Spin for a Cause

November - March - Indoor Spin

December 2 – Global Fat Bike Ride

December 6 – Holiday Lights Ride



This calendar is tentative and subject to change. All details of the rides will be posted on our website, www.ridecvc.org, and listed as events on our Facebook page. Please check there for additional details.



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DENVER WAFFLE RIDES

The next official Denver Waffle Ride will be August 6.

The ride starts at the old Behrens-Rapp gas station at West 1st and Clay Street in Cedar Falls at 8:30 a.m. (arrive by 8:20 as we want to be riding at 8:30). Denver American Legion has "all you can eat" waffles, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee for just \$6.

The round-trip ride is 30 miles over paved and moderately hilly county roads. There is no registration, but helmets are required. Rides are weather dependent.

Mark your calendar for the final Waffle Ride on October 1.



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Thursday

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"Congratulations on your 50th anniversary! What a huge accomplishment and from looking through your website - you have impacted a lot of organizations! Thank you for the \$1,000 donation you sent Dream Team! This donation will help us get 36 youth to Dream Big and believe that they can accomplish the early season huge goal - ride across the state! As of today, we are set to have 25+ youth reach the 1,500 mile mark before RAGBRAI begins and once they hit the Mississippi, they will have 2,000 miles! This is a huge accomplishment from February when many hadn't rode a bike more than 10 miles!. It just shows how support from organizations like Cedar Valley Cyclist can impact youth's lives!"

– Jeff Van Genderen, Dream Team





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Helmets and tail lights are required.

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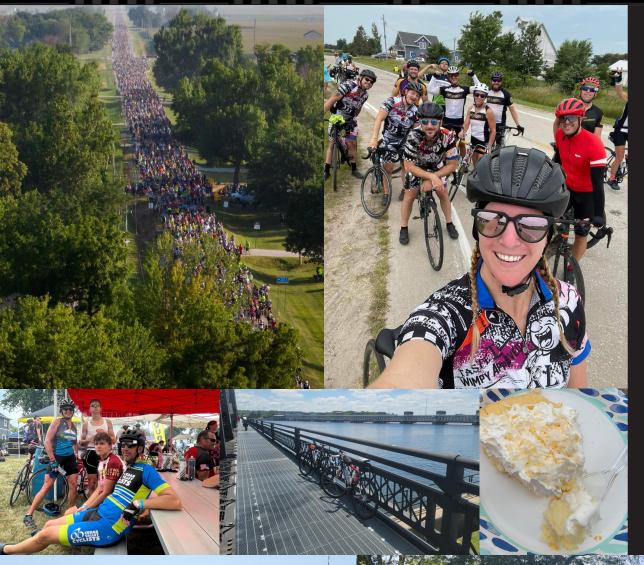
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Sunday, July 23 STORM LAKE 77 miles | 3,504 feet

Monday, July 24 CARROLL

62 miles | 1,818 feet

Tuesday, July 25 AMES

83 miles | 1,479 feet

Wednesday, July 26 DES MOINES

50 miles | 1,216 feet

Thursday, July 27 TAMA-TOLEDO

82 miles | 3,652 feet

Friday, July 28 CORALVILLE

80 miles | 3,276 feet

Saturday, July 29 DAVENPORT

66 miles | 1,604 feet

Pictures submitted by Cindy Angel, top left courtesy of @bpowersphoto







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RAGBRAI - ONE L OF A RIDE

2023 marked 50 years of RAGBRAI, so how could I not join in? Since I don't "love" camping, I decided to only ride the last four days, with hotel rooms reserved in Des Moines and Coralville. That turned out to be an excellent plan as the heat index reached 112-115 degrees on each day that I rode! I was dropped off in Ames Tuesday afternoon (thanks Jon W!) and set up my tent while waiting for my CVC friends to finish their ride. We then hopped on a shuttle to head downtown Ames to find some food and ended up at an air-conditioned restaurant. A/C was a prized commodity that week!

The prediction for the ride from Ames to Des Moines on Wednesday was 75,000 riders so we chose to grab breakfast in Ames and start a little later. This turned out to be a good choice as the roads were not nearly as crowded as I thought they would be. We met up with Nick, Michele, Jon and Egan, as they also started riding Wednesday, and found plenty of great food and beverages in each of the pass-through towns. The official campsite that night was Waterworks Park where thousands and thousands of riders were camping in extreme heat and little shade. I packed a backpack and headed for my hotel – A/C for me, haha!

Thursday turned out to be the most challenging day for me with 90 miles and 4,360 feet of climb in extreme heat and humidity. We found some good pie in Colfax before tackling that GIANT hill coming out of town. After a short break laying in the shade in Newton, I was ready to journey on. When we finally arrived in Tama-Toledo for the night, I think I ate an entire jar of pickles to help with the cramps and dehydration I had! After an interesting shower experience at the aquatic center (for some reason a concentration camp or prison came to mind, with no private shower stalls!!), we headed over to listen to the bands.

On Friday morning we met up with Kat, Super Dave and Justin who were just riding that day, so that was fun! It was another scortcher of a day, so another day without beer for me (dehydration is no fun). But the stops were fun and the food was good! After 80 miles, we rolled into Coralville late afternoon and I found the awesome CVC campsite at the Big White House in Coralville where we were treated to root beer floats and A/C in the house. I packed up a bag and biked to my hotel where I was thankful to be when the big storm rolled through town. Luckily, the rest of team CVC was able to take cover inside the house.

We decided to start a little earlier on Saturday where the route took us through Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City. That day started off much, much cooler than the previous days with a little mist to keep us cool. The highlight of that day was finding cold, coconut cream pie in Muscatine! At the end of this 80-mile day, I had to wonder if this was the longest Saturday RAGBRAI day ever? Seems like they are usually less than 60 miles.

I know several of my 17 RAGBRAIs have been hot, but I don't remember so many days with such heat! I am happy to be back in A/C and sleeping inside, instead of my tent! – *Cindy Angel*







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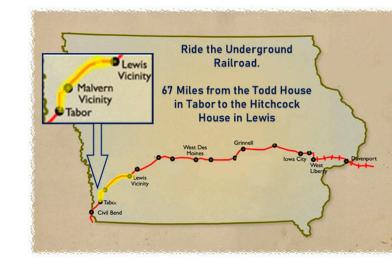
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