

Outspoken

Spring 2011

News from the Owen Sound Cycling Club

The cycling season is approaching fast and there are many new events and rides as well as ones that have been around in the past that we hope will get you out on your bike. Throughout the upcoming cycling season the best way to stay informed about the club is to check our website: www.owensoundcycling.ca.

We have a Bulletin Board where you can chat with other members, buy and sell, coordinate car pooling and share technical tips. Even if you don't register and post to the bulletin board, it's a good idea to view it once in a while to see what's happening.

We are always open to new ideas for events and rides. In order for any ride or race to happen we need volunteers to step forward and take the time and initiative to organize them. This is your club so by holding and attending events the club will grow and become better. If you are interested in holding an event or ride please contact the me at: president@owensoundcycling.ca.

Tom Hakala

Registration Event and Concert at the Roxy

The first new and exciting event planned for 2011 will be our registration night. Now I can hear you saying, "So what's so new about that? We've had registration nights since... since I can remember back in the 80s!"

Well my friend this year we are doing it in style. Together with Bikeface Cycling we are holding *An Evening of Cycling and Song* at the Roxy Theatre. It will start at 7:00 p.m. on April 21st and will include demos and workshops from Bikeface and Continental Tire, info on our club and others in the area, free cycling films and the highlight of the evening will be a concert by Coco Love Alcorn. Coco will perform her *Bicycle Song* and other great pieces that she has written. The cost is \$15, but if you buy a ticket in advance and register that night you will get \$2 off your OSCC membership. (If you do not wish to attend the concert, you can still come in and register that night.) To get tickets go to: www.ticketscene.ca/Roxy or go to the Roxy box office or Bikeface Cycling. *Tom Hakala*

Weekend Group Rides and Potluck

Last year we had a Sunday ride and BBQ that seemed to spark a lot of interest with the membership, so this year we thought we would expand this concept and have one a month. The first one will take place on June 5th and will start at Harrison Park. There

will be a choice of short, medium and long road rides or off-road rides for those who like to get dirty. After the ride there will be a BYO dinner. The club will supply soft drinks and water. The rides start at 2:00 p.m. and the dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. Each month we will hold a weekend ride and pot-luck at a different location in the area. Stay tuned for more info. *Tom Hakala*

Women's Rides

As soon as the weather turns more spring-like there will be Tuesday evening women's road rides starting from Bikeface at 6:15 p.m. On Thursdays at 6:15 meet at Bikeface for women's mountain bike rides. *Patty Marr*

Off-road Rides

Doug Miller is leading mountain bike rides again this season. There will be a choice of two rides a week. The evening ride will leave Bikeface at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and for those of you that like an early morning romp in the woods there will be a Saturday morning MTB ride at 7:30 (also from Bikeface).

Trails Coordinator for Owen Sound

The City of Owen Sound has hired a Trails Coordinator to define, map and determine what links should be added to make the Owen Sound trail system more user friendly and safe. Josh Choronzey is the new coordinator and has a ton of hands on experience with Bruce County as a trail builder and designer.

Josh held a meeting for interested parties in the city council chambers and the turn out was quite surprising (they had to haul in more and more chairs as the evening progressed). The attendees consisted of interested citizens, trail group members, hikers, cyclists, snowmobilers and (Yuk!) ATVers. I think the cyclists outnumbered everyone else. There were many good ideas voiced by the community and Josh said he would look at all of them to see what will work. His first project is to make a trails map of the city.

Grey County Cycling Map

Speaking of maps... Under the leadership of Bryan Plumstead, the County of Grey Tourism Department has been consulting local cyclists, bureaucrats, bicycle business owners and other interested parties as to what is needed to promote cycling in the county. The ad hoc group decided that a new cycling map of the county should be the first project on the agenda. Each member of the committee submitted choice routes for cycling in their part of

the county. These routes were then compiled by the tourism staff. Descriptions were written and GPS readings were taken. After several proofs and changes the map has finally gone to press and will be available at Grey Roots and other spots. *Tom Hakala*

Bike the Bruce Race

Bike the Bruce Ontario Cup #3 is coming to the Bruce Peninsula for the 3rd year in a row, Sunday May 15th 2011. Many OSCC members have participated and helped out in the past and we greatly appreciate your participation and help. We hope more members will be involved this year. A successful event this year will insure it continues in the future, we desperately need volunteers as drivers for the officials, wheel vans, and pace cars. You will be compensated for gas used. Shifts are available for one, two or all three races, depending on your availability. We also need course marshals if you are not interested in driving. We also hope you consider participating in the event. The open citizens event at 8:36 a.m. is a great race for someone new to racing. It is one lap of the 32 km course and is open to all ages. More information on the event is available at: www.bikethebruce.com or e-mail: dylan@bikethebruce.com. *Dylan Lanspeary*

Time Trials

Here is the proposed time trial schedule for the coming season. As the season progresses, I may make changes because of road work or other issues. *Scott Thomson*

April 20 - Shallow Lake 15K
April 27 - Annan North 10/19K
May 4 - Walters Falls 10/20K
May 11 - Hepworth Spring Creek 16K
May 18 - Colpoys/BigBay 14/28K
May 25 - Annan South
June 1 - Kemble 21K
June 8 - Walters Falls 15/30K
June 15 - Annan North 10/19K
June 22 - Hepworth Spring Creek 16K
June 29 - Colpoys/BigBay 14/28K
July 6 - Annan South
July 13 - Walters Falls 15/30K
July 20 - Kemble 21/41K
July 27 - Annan North 10/19K
August 3 - Hepworth Spring Creek 16K
August 10 - Walters Falls 15/30K
August 17 - Colpoys/BigBay 14/28K
August 24 - Annan
August 31 - Epping 5K Hill Climb and Potluck
September 7 - Kemble 21K
September 14 - Annan 19K Team TT
September 21 - Shallow Lake 15K Aussie Pursuit

Centurion Warm-Up Rides

August will be a good time for doing a few long training rides to warm-up for the Centurion Event in September and the Vancouver Grand Fondo the week before the Centurion. These rides

will include hill climbs and distance training. More info to come in later issues or on the OSCC blog. If you are interested in doing these training rides contact John Brown at: jab-rae@sympatico.ca. *John Brown*

Saugeen Shores Cycling Club

There is a new cycling club in our neighbourhood. Our friends in Saugeen Shores have decided to start their own club and have applied to the OCA for membership. The president of the club is a familiar face to OSCC members. Tim Murawsky has taken the post and said the club will focus on group rides this season. For more information about this new club go to: www.saugeenshorescyclingclub.com.

Share the road Rides

There will be two Share the Road Rides this spring to celebrate the new paved shoulders and Share the Road signs on Highway 6. The Peddle Pushers Cycling Club of Tobermory together with the Share the Road Coalition is holding The Bruce-Manitoulin Passage... a Cycling Adventure. It will take place on May 28th with a choice of three rides. At 1:00 p.m. the full length ride will start at Mar and end in the Tub. The half distance ride will cover 30 km. and start at 2:00, while the short ride will start at Singing Sands Park at 2:30. There will be a spaghetti dinner, with entertainment, to follow at the Tobermory Community Centre. To find out more email: bruce Manitoulin passage@gmail.com or go to: www.sharetheroad.ca for registration.

Also on May 28th, the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates will hold a similar event on the newly paved section of Highway 6 on the Island. Find out more at: savouring_time@hotmail.com. You can also register for this event at: www.sharetheroad.ca

Whemmys Enduro

The Whemmys Enduro will again wrap-up our cycling season in September. Fred Zottl is looking for volunteers to help with this fun event. Contact Fred at: left_saidfred@yahoo.com.

Club Jerseys are Here!

The club jerseys are here. They are at Bikeface Cycling for members to try on and purchase. Purchase price will be a great buy at \$65.00 each. *Tom Hakala*

The Club Executive

In case you wondered who is doing what in the club... President - Tom Hakala, Vice-president - Patty Marr (YAAA!!!), Treasurer - John Brown, Registration - Fred Zottl, Time Trials - Scott Thomson, Webmaster - Trevor Stokes. If you are interested in having input in the club, let me know and I will add you to our executive list. Email me at president@owensoundcycling.ca. *Tom Hakala*

