

Prairie Cycle Club Annual Meeting Minutes January 2025

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Jupiter's at the Crossing

January 12, 2025

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Take attendance: (quorum is # 4)

Attendance:

Sue Jones, president

Sue Ellen Finkenbiner, treasurer

Joan Wingo, secretary

Richard Brannon, membership

Dan Metz, At Large

Lance McGrew, Webmaster

Not in attendance:

Open, At Large

Open, Activities Director

Open, Publicity

Visitors

Number of attendees at Annual Meeting – 45

Minutes [Joan]

September 2024

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

See Treasurer Report.

Membership Report (Richard)

Current membership

Last year 138 – income \$2390.00

Activities Report [Open]

Publicity Report [Open}

Old Business

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New Business

Vote for PCC Board to take place this Annual Meeting.

Action items by Next Meeting February 5, 2024

Recruit new board members. Get the people for the bike rides.

Next meeting February 5, 6:30 pm Dan Metz House

Adjourned: 7:45 pm

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Visitors

Tom Carlson, Family rides
Peter Davies, Original PCC Board

Minutes [Joan]

January 2025 – Annual Meeting Jupiters at the Crossing 1.12.2025

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

See report, received reimbursements. Sue Ellen will pay about \$1500 for the insurance

Membership Report (Richard)

Current membership, about 20 sign ups.

Printing cost about \$10.00. Richard to find the receipt.

Best guess about 150 members for the year. Sue Ellen will use 150 for the insurance.

Activities Report [Open]

- a. Pre Season Gatherings
- b. Annual Meeting Jupiters at the Crossing review

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Publicity Report [Open]

Webmaster update - Lance McGrew

Website works perfect and updates Richard. Easy to use. The new website is at Inmotion Hosting. Same PayPal account for collecting membership fees. Richard receives the membership registration notification email and PayPal information from the online registration form. PayPal account has been updated with Sue Ellen as owner, Lance is secondary admin, and Richard also has login access. Membership Google Sheet on Google Drive is auto populated when membership registration is submitted. Richard has access and ability to manually add registrations paid by check, etc.

Old Business

Recruit new board members. Get people from the bike rides to join the board.

New Business

1. Election Results
2. Pizza Party – TBA
3. Getting Folks involved and contributing
4. Coordinating with other folks like CCB
5. Rides – Ours, others, doing more with families
6. Activities – a director, stuff to do between now and season for fun
7. PCC Tour
8. Membership
9. PCC Gear

Election results --> 2 no votes, no comments indicating actual concerns. The PCC Board remains the same as 2024 with the addition of Jason Elliot, At Large. Sue Jones will finish out her presidency in 2025 and will not run again in 2026. It is important to get folks in cycling connected to PCC.

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April Pizza Party – Dates discussed Tuesdays April 1 & April 8 or Sundays 6 & 13.

Yes, Tuesday, April 1, 2025 6:00-8:00 pm, Jupiter's at the Crossing. Get the Advertising out!!

The April meeting is a beginning of the season party about Pizza, PCC Information, and Membership sign up. People will hear ride leaders talk up their rides and let folks know about GIBT and other nearby events. The Jupiter's space is great for actual presentations and speakers that our PCC members and visitors to PCC would want to see, any suggestions?

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Getting Folks involved in the PCC.

Advertising – Facebook, PCC Website, Chambana Mom's, News Gazette Calendar, Get Outdoors Calendar, get the list from Tom Carlson. Also Flyers to Common Ground, etc. Advertise – Join the PCC to get free pizza and join the PCC email list. Bike Summit May 7-8 in Springfield – bring stuff to hand out. Ride Illinois Conference on biking issues. Look up Bike and Walk summit at the Wyndom, Rpingfield City Center. Professionals attend, they are traffice designers, etc. Hand out Advertising and Business Cards at these events.

Google Spreadsheet - to keep track of people interested in specific ideas/tasks/ways to help. Sue Jones learned about the spreadsheet idea at the CCB gathering. The PCC Board will have access, not one person needs to keep track of all of the people and ideas.

Coordinating with other groups – Old lists of bike groups and orgs, join their email lists and ask them to join our PCC email list. Include everything in the emails PCC sends out – include other bike group's events. Sue Jones attended CCB gathering and has "vision meeting" papers and Annette Stumpf has atual focus and ideas from the CCB gathering. There are folks with organizational energy that Sue Jones plans to stay connected with.

QR Code to other groups – for Advertising, flyering, other places to send the QR code. Groups to contact – Illini Cycling and Illini 4000 clycling. Other places to get out the word about PCC – Community Events Tabling. Taste of Champaign, Indoors Farmer's Market – what groups already table there? Can we join them? Example CCB? Or give them our flyers to hand out? Cost of a table at Farmer's Market might be too expensive. Lot's of people do not join until April or May, they start signing up when the weather warms up. Be a member to ride PCC rides.

Business Cards for PCC and other groups to hand out.– print up the cards, QR code? Join Prairie Cycle Club via the website or the QR code. Business cards are cheap and easy. Give stacks of business cards to ride leaders in ziplock bags to hand out. Would bike shops be willing to put the business cards out? What other types of places – Cross training places? CCB envisioning project that created the bike riding maps. Bike to Work group, other events.

Weekly Rides -- Start Date April 19, 2025, first Saturday after tax day. We need to get the leaders. Who wants to lead a ride? Or just share a time and starting point? They can be weekly, monthly, bi-weekly, or odd numbered Tuesdays when the moon isn't quite full... Memorial Day...

Family Friday Rides -- Tom Carlson said a big issue is getting family bikes to the starting point. Sue Jones stated CCB has a trailer. Maybe connecting Tom with CCB can generate a way to make the transportation of family bikes easier. Also make sure the word gets out to folks like grad students with children.

Family stuff in general --> and getting more people out for all kinds of things. Maybe talk to CCB about doing a "family biking" event? Sue Jones also added "sustainable transportation

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event" to *their* vision statement b/c she could imagine bike and e-bike vendors doing a thing at I-Hotel or Parkland or similar places.

Chicago Cycling: Email to PCC Board from Liu, Roy <rliu68@uic.edu> Mon, Feb 3, 2:01 PM (17 hours ago) Roy Liu, and I'm a student at UIC with the UIC Cycling Club! Roy is an advocate for bicycle related issues and promote cycling education. Sue Jones will connect Roy with Champaign County Bike.

Activities: We need an Activities Director. We need to find somebody who'd like to see more social stuff happening! We need to figure out ways to meet in February and March. Social gatherings or gear swaps are options. 25 O'clock is one option but the new Wellness Center in Urbana might have options. Can somebody take on 'organizing' that stuff?

Social Gatherings – to get people to come out and learn about PCC. Informational meeting in the Urbana Library Room – a potluck or other ways to meet. The Urbana Library is a good location for bus, bike, parking. The new Park District building near Human Kinetics is a good choice too.

TOUR: We'd need somebody to be in charge. Chris Dangles & Hospital will support the Tour. Jen Gravely will help with organizing the Tour. Date – Jen and Chris and Hospital will decide what date works best. Rain date too? Don't conflict with Dewitt, Bloomington club, other rides. Find the rides, share the list with Jen and Chris. Peter Davies – wanted to know about the Tour. Century Tour, Metric Tour similar to Ride of the Depot, turn it into Century. 100 miles. 25, 50, 62 miles. Destinations are important, ie. Middle Fork. Etc. Our area is flat, corn, and soy. It is all you see without a destination. Destinations: Gibson City, Lake of the Woods, Sagamon, Allerton? Question - Do we want to do the rides? Who do we want to do the rides for? We need a date and time, then the details of the rides. We need a rain date too.

Membership: Make sure everything's got up to date information, paper forms and online sign up! The paper forms completed at the January pizza were outdated. This was not caught until after the party. Do we do recruitment at social events or focus on membership at the April pizza party?.

PCC gear and regalia was discussed -- jerseys, shirts... water bottles, assorted gear. We need to set up to *make* money not lose it. We need to get interest from PCC members and somebody to manage it. Karen Name? Sue Ellen knows person, problem with pick up the last time. Maybe order online? Direct delivery? Other options?

All input welcome!!! Let's THINK SPRING :) :)

Ride Ideas

Peter Davis, Champaign Cycle owner, and founder of PCC club, has been involved for 53 years in lots of tours and events. Antique bike show and other event. It was difficult to get people to

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work the rides. In the end, i.e. Ride to the Depot - Peter paid people out of his pocket. Champaign did not get any money from the ride.

Easy – Pie Rides. 10 mile, 30 mile loops, people ride with their kids. Fruit pie ride. Cleared \$612.00. Buy the pies at Sams, really cheap, people get a slice of pie for riding. Kids under (age?) free. The idea of riding 10 miles was a big deal. Did you pay facility fee, etc – no, at that time, we were a friend of the forest preserve. They could depend on us all pie rides. We left from one of the park district sites, etc Mahomet and others. Ask Lorie who is President of the Forest Preserve and other people. Also ask Jen Gravely. The Forest Preserve wants families to use the trail. Riders pay a fee and insurance is included. End of season ride at (location). Pie Ride insurance was via the Champaign Cycle store, the insurance had a rider on it.

Pay for Insurance on a ride - non-members on a ride, at least \$10 per person. PCC we are Not for Profit, instead of Non-profit. Habitat For Humanity, insurance was much more expensive than PCC insurance.

Margie looked into the differences between the two, but it is less expensive for PCC because we are a small group.

Peter Davis suggests: Find someone who has a business and get them as a major sponsor, they add the event onto their business insurance add a rider. Follow up with Chris Dangles about the Gibson City Hospital insurance person for coverage for Pie Rides and other rides. Forest Preserve District – Champaign County. We can ask about insurance from Champaign County – pie rides, etc.

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Additional Ride Ideas

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Action items by Next Meeting March 4, 2025 6:30 pm

Sue Ellen is gone skiing in italy, Dan in Savanah so date was changed from March 5 to March 4 to enable board members to attend.

Adjourned: 7:47 pm

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Dan Metz House

March 4, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Take attendance: (quorum is # 4) start 6:30pm

Attendance:

Sue Jones, president
Joan Wingo, secretary
Richard Brannon, membership
Dan Metz, At Large

Not in attendance:

Open, Activities Director
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Visitors

Minutes [Joan]

January 2025 – Annual Meeting Jupiters at the Crossing 1.12.2025 approved 3.4.2025

February 2025 – Minutes – approved 3.4.2025

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

See April for report

Membership Report (Richard)

Current membership, 28 members, 6 are carry overs

Best guess about 150 members for the year. Sue Ellen will use 150 for the insurance.

April 1 – membership sign up.

Activities Report [Open]

- a. Pre Season Gatherings – will not hold in Winter 2024/25.
- b. Summer gathering at Dan's or at the park nearby, house party at Dan's.

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Publicity Report [Open]

Webmaster - Lance McGrew

Old Business

Recruit new board members. Get people from the bike rides to join the board.

Tour – Gibson City hospital will be a sponsor. Need a date. June 7 does not work per Chris Dangels. Jen Gravely will help plan the date and tour with Chris. Maybe August, we have held tours in August in the past.

Tour Document – Joan follow up with Sue Jones to share tour documents from Joan's google drive.

New Business

Business Cards – Sue Jones will give the PCC logo, QR code, for business card to Lance.

Richard B to send out an email to sign up with PCC and announce the April 1, 2025 spring sign up meeting to be held at Jupiter's at the Crossing.

Weekly Rides – Sue Jones to follow up with everyone about the rides. Who will be a ride leader.

John Prince, not running the Thursday ride this year.

Other advertising – flyers with QR Code – Sue Jones to make this.

Pie Ride – need insurance, ice cream rides, other rides to build enthusiasm for riding bikes.

Speaker or presentations for April 1 membership sign up meeting at Jupiters.

Action items by Next Meeting April 1, 2025 6:30 pm at Jupiters, Membership sign up meeting

See New Business.

Adjourned: 7:04 pm

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**Prairie Cycle Club Board Meeting Minutes
Spring Pizza Sign-up Meeting**

Jupiters at the Crossing

April 1, 2025

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Take attendance: (quorum is # 4) start 7:00

Attendance:

Sue Jones, president

Joan Wingo, secretary

Richard Brannon, membership

Dan Metz, At Large

Sue Ellen Finkenbiner, treasurer

Jason Elliot, At Large

Not in attendance:

Open, Activities Director

Open, Publicity

Lance McGrew, Webmaster

Visitors

Minutes [Joan]

March 2025 review and approve in May

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

March 2025 review and approve in May

Membership Report (Richard)

Current membership as of 3.31.2025, 69 members per email.

April 1 – Pizza Party Membership sign up.

Activities Report [Open]

Publicity Report [Open]

Webmaster - Lance McGrew

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Old Business

Tour – Date Time

Gibson City hospital will be a sponsor.

Need a date. Chris Dangels and Jen Gravely will help plan the date

There are a couple major fundraiser events already scheduled. Need the dates of these fundraisers. Gibson Hospital Foundation June 7, 2025 Nash Bash,

Gibson Area Hospital sponsor 2025 Gibson City Summer Bash fundraiser with Foreigner - August 16, 2025. Joan's concern - Probably busy the weekends before too – check it out.

Gibson Hospital Foundation - Golf outing fundraiser – September 18, 2025

Don't interfere with Hilly Hundred – other major rides?

We need someone to organize – Jen Gravely, we will get together to get the event.

Habitat for Humanity is not interested, but maybe Anne will want to make our Tour happen.

Volunteers to help without biking that day. Works best.

RIDES – for fun – Arthur

Kindle – great sales amazon prime – summer sales about \$49.00 for a kindle.

Paperwhite Kindle reading only. Summer sales best time to shop. Kindle does other things too.

July 15 & 16 amazon prime – can be used like a laptop. \$80.00 at most.

RIDES

Sue Jones will follow up with ride leaders and get the list posted.

Tuesday morning show and go – where?

Ellen H. – Mahomet Day – Thursday

Thursday night from Porter Park – faster – Ellen

Wednesday show and go – Carle at the Fields eat when done

Thursday – faster group

Sue Jones – Saturday Saunter – want some faster people

Saturday after Taxes – first day to ride

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Action items by Next Meeting May 6(Tuesday) or 7 (Wednesday), 2025 6:30 pm at Dan's House

See New Business.

Adjourned: 8:05 pm

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Dan Metz House

May 7, 2025

6:30 pm

Take attendance: (quorum is # 4)

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Joan Wingo, secretary
Dan Metz, At Large

Not in attendance:

Open, Activities Director
Open, Publicity
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Jason Elliot, At Large

Visitors

Jim Witt

Minutes [Joan]

March 2025 and April 2025 review and approve in May

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

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See May 2025 report, received reimbursements. Sue Ellen will pay about \$1500 for the insurance

Membership Report (Richard)

Current membership is 91 members per email.

Activities Report [Open]

- a. Request for a grilling party or socializing at restaurant from Eric Law
- b. RIDES
- c. No updates on the tour

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Publicity Report [Open]

Webmaster - Lance McGrew

Old Business

From February – need to recruit new PCC board members. Get people from the bike rides to join the board. This is also a good reason to do gatherings and meetings at restaurants because people just drop in.

Pie Rides – Sue Jones will contact Jen Gravely to see if she would at least do that level or organizing – for the pie rides. Jen may be maxed out at this time. See New Business – Pie Rides

Sue Jones suggests to Chris Dangle – Pie Rides, there in Gibson or here in Urbana-Champaign

New Business

Advertising – Jeff Yockey et al are getting the word out about PCC at the Farmer's Market.

Business Cards – Lance is moving forward on the business cards. We can start distributing them.

Other Advertising places:

Facebook, PCC Website, Chambana Mom's, News Gazette Calendar, Get Outdoors Calendar, get the list from Tom Carlson. Also Flyers to Common Ground, etc.

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Google Spreadsheet - to keep track of people interested in specific ideas/tasks/ways to help. Sue Jones learned about the spreadsheet idea at the CCB gathering. The PCC Board will have access, not one person needs to keep track of all of the people and ideas. BUT right now We should prob'ly just ask about *their* spreadsheet unless/until we have more things going on.

Family stuff in general --> and getting more people out for all kinds of things. Maybe talk to CCB about doing a "family biking" event? Sue Jones also added "sustainable transportation event" to *their* vision statement b/c she could imagine bike and e-bike vendors doing a thing at I-Hotel or Parkland or similar places.

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use the trail. Riders pay a fee and insurance is included. End of season ride at (location). Pie Ride insurance was via the Champaign Cycle store, the insurance had a rider on it. Insurance – ontrails is the insurance cost lower? Give one out of Gibson City or Lake of the Woods? Early in season hot chocolate? Ride out/back pie

Coolers of ice cream sandwiches at the end.

Pizza rides – by the slice. Call ahead to have pizza ready. 10 miles out call it in.

Pub crawls –

Poker Run –

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Action items by Next Meeting June 4 2025 6:30 pm at Dan's House

See New Business.

Sue Jones – **email Trek Bikes business - If they have the same insurance, or company – check it out.** Ideas on how to get involved. Anything that brings people to the shop.

Insurance, pie rides, host sale/fundraiser in their yard, Community bike sale. Tour de France watch party at their shop. Highlights of every tour stage.

Anything we can do that does not involve insurance because of the insurance cost.

Insurance comes into play with a ride.

Fun for people like bikes but no riding.

Eric Law? Social – grilling party. This is the event, it is on you if you want to ride. Ride is on you, no insurance. Guests are not covered under the insurance. \$13-15 per head for one ride, join for this much and get lots of rides.

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Social stuff with ride on side, but not insurance.

Jim – this Thursday a bike ride – not an event, people just ride, not covered by insurance you are on your own.

Jim – we will sponsor or organize a ride on such and such day, if you suggest a ride before or after, but not a PCC event. Example: I'm going for this ride, want to join me?

Club ride – difference is not a pcc event.

Adjourned: 7:20 pm

DRAFT

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No in person Board Meeting May 2025

Discussions via PCC Emails May 2025

Sue Jones, 5.18.2025, Draft letters to bike shops sent to PCC Board members for review and input. Sue will email the letters to the following bike shops Trek Champaign, Durst, Neutral and BR Bikes on Tuesday or Thursday May 27 or 28, 2025.

Lance McGrew, 5.20.2025, shared with the PCC Board that he had designed and ordered the PCC Business cards. The PCC Board had approved Lance's offer to design and have printed the PCC Business Cards. This is the card. 500 cards for \$86.04 (includes tax and delivery fee). This is a very good deal at \$0.17 per card. Sue Ellen will cut a check to Lance to reimburse Lance for the cost of the business cards.



5/21/2025 7:00 pm Ride of Silence is an annual international bicycle ride to commemorate and honor cyclists killed and support those injured while riding on public roads. Our goal is to raise awareness among motorists. The route is about 8 miles -- and we go slowly and roll together, as if in a parade. If 8 miles is too far people can just join us for a little bit -- and e-bikes and VEObikes are welcome.

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Prairie Cycle Club Board Meeting Minutes

Sue Ellen Finkenbiner's house
2637 Wadsworth, Urbana
June 4, 2025
6:38 p.m.

Take attendance: (quorum is # 4)

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Not in attendance:

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Visitors

Jim Witte

Minutes [Joan]

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

See June Treasurer excel. No major expenses for May. Insurance has been paid. Will pay Lance McGrew for the PCC business cards.

Membership Report (Richard)

Google Groups- non-gmail account must be grandfathered in Otherwise need a google account or google email to get messages from the club.

No way around it per Lance and Richard. So Richard sends out the letter re the problem with non-gmail accounts to new members and other members with a non-gmail account who cannot sign up to the pcc emails on how to get a gmail account.

103 members, 10 are new members, not nearly as good as last year – 140 members 30 members were new.

Without a ride people will not want to sign up to be a member.

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Activities Report [Open]

Tour de France watch party -- location options/ Dan's house yes – date: July 26, 2025 Saturday, stage 20. Large screen & video. Cook out – hand out participation sticker, etc. for the Strava Group. Cook out at Dan's bring a dish to pass, food for the grill and vegetarian – bean burgers. Will make an RSVP along with advertising – sign up for food, bring a dish, we will have something for the grill. We can ask if they have special diet. Make it open to anyone to get people in to get them there a computer to join. Everyone who participates in strava – take a sticker.

Ride – Strava Group and encourage people to join, not checking membership, just get people involved with the club. Advertising the segment in early July/end of June, it is on strava so you can do it any time that you want. Windsor & Rising – 14 miles, can join in, not an official event. On strava and facebook. Ask Lance to update the Strava Group – Sue Ellen will ask Lance to add the ride schedule in Strava and update it.

RSVP form, graphic for facebook, has admin access of strava group, will give info to Sue Jones to post places, will go on the PCC email list (536 people). Sue Ellen could pick it up food. Roughly 30-50 people – plan on 50 and order about that amount of food.

Community event we're invited to:

(Thoughts: : We could get info from other cycling orgs to have it there.... Could be some students wanting to be involved in CCB kinds of advocacy.... (for their resume even) or the KRT group with the new name...

Sue Jones – drop off business cards to bike shops RB – itty bitty bike and Trek Bike
Joan Wingo drop off business cards: Durst – bike on Mattis; Durst on University too? Neutral closed for summer – Bake Lab and coffee shop drop off cards.

Sue Jones will attend and will tell the group – yes PCC will be there.

Date: Wednesday, August 20, Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Lot 31 (First & Kirby, near Memorial Stadium) Backup location will be the South Quad.
Event Community Unity Festival (CU FEST)

Description: festival is designed to strengthen police-community partnerships and promote neighborhood camaraderie, creating safer, more connected, and compassionate communities.

Host: Dementro "Debo" Powell, Director of Community Development & Engagement with the University of Illinois Police Department

Enjoy a day filled with:

Touch-a-Truck, Games & Activities, Live Music, Food Vendors, Local Organizations & Resource Booths. And Much More...

Indoor cycling groups for winter

Rouvey – real life picture.

Swift – not real life

Publicity Report [Open]

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Webmaster - Lance McGrew

Webmaster update - Business cards received May 31. Should we provide holders for convenience? Or the cards can just be in a stack.

Also Lance has added a page to post rides we hear and know about.

<https://rideillinois.org/events/calendar/> is the Ride Illinois events calendar

<https://brinin.org/> is bike rides in Indiana.

Old Business

Business Cards – Lance made new cards and Richard Brennon brought the boxes of cards to the June 2025 PCC Board meeting. Board members took batches of cards to drop off at bike shops around town. Sue Ellen will keep the remaining cards until the cards are needed.

Advertising has been placed at these locations online and will be handed out at future events.

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Letters to local bike stores: Durst cycle, Trek Cycle, RB, Neutral Cycle, a.k.a. BikeLab
Neutral Cycle is closed for the summer. No response from others.

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From February – need to recruit new PCC board members. Get people from the bike rides to join the board. This is also a good reason to do gatherings and meetings at restaurants because people just drop in.

Pie Rides – Sue Jones will contact Jen Gravely to see if she would at least do that level or organizing – for the pie rides. Jen may be maxed out at this time. See New Business – Pie Rides

Sue Jones suggests to Chris Dangle – Pie Rides, there in Gibson or here in Urbana-Champaign

New Business

Action items by Next Meeting July 2, 2025 6:30 pm at Mike Metz house

Sue Jones –

Ride – Strava Group and encourage people to join, not checking membership, just get people involved with the club. Advertising the segment in early July/end of June, it is on strava so you can do it any time that you want. Windsor & Rising – 14 miles, can join in, not an official event. On strava and facebook. Ask Lance to update the Strava Group – Sue Ellen will ask Lance to add the ride schedule in Strava and update it.

Sue Jones – drop off business cards to bike shops RB – itty bitty bike and Trek Bike

Sue Jones will attend and will tell the group – yes PCC will be there

Date: Wednesday, August 20, Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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Joan Wingo drop off business cards: Durst – bike on Mattis; Durst on University too? Neutral closed for summer – Bake Lab and coffee shop both owned by (person)

Jim Witt and Dan Metz

Stickers and event planning – Jim, Location - Dan

Tour de France watch party -- location options/ Dan's house yes – date: July 26, 2025 Saturday, stage 20. Large screen & video. Cook out – hand out participation sticker, etc. for the Strava Group. Cook out at Dan's bring a dish to pass, food for the grill and vegetarian – bean burgers. Will make an RSVP along with advertising – sign up for food, bring a dish, we will have something for the grill. We can ask if they have special diet. Make it open to anyone to get people in to get them there a computer to join. Everyone who participates in strava – take a sticker.

Adjourned: 7:38 pm

Next meeting is July 2, 6:30 pm

Prairie Cycle Club Board Meeting Minutes

Dan Metz' House

July 2, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Take attendance: (quorum is # 4)

Attendance:

Sue Jones, president

Joan Wingo, secretary

Richard Brannon, membership

Sue Ellen Finkenbiner, treasurer

Not in attendance:

Open, Activities Director

Open, Publicity

Dan Metz, At Large

Jason Elliot, At Large

Visitors

Jim Witte

Minutes [Joan]

Need approval of these minutes

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Budget report [Sue Ellen]

(Sue Jones got a new debit card from Chase; Frank Modica delivered it when he checked the P.O. box 😊) Sue Ellen said the amount charged was a fraud. Will contact the card company to have it dropped. Balance is good, money to cover everything.

Membership Report (Richard)

108 members as of 7.2.2025. 13 are new.

We paid for 150 attendees, no refund will be given by the insurance – per Sue Ellen

Activities Report [Open]

Tour de France Watch Party – updates 😊

Invitation says open to all riders, future friends of PCC – set to email list and in STRAVA (Sue Jones put it on STRAVA). Lance put it on the website. Need to put onto Facebook (Sue Jones to do that) Champaign County Bikes does not have a table at the Market. Can ask bike shops to hang the flyer. Not trying to recruit, just get the word out.

Time Trials open for 3-4 days – on strava. 14 miles – ride hard, no ebike, pace yourself.

Sue Jones – email Karen – re PCC Jersey – certain # need to order. Order online.

... Sue Jones will make a contribution towards burgers 😊 Will donate about \$100.00 toward it. Sue Ellen said we have enough money in the PCC account to

((old business)) Community event when school's starting in the fall:

Thoughts: : We could get info from other cycling orgs to have it there.... Could be some students wanting to be involved in CCB kinds of advocacy.... (for their resume even) or the KRT group with the new name... I have submitted the form (on 7/2).

Party – outdoor screen and projector, run the tour de france. Jim and Dan to walk around the yard to figure out where to put up the outdoor screen. Will stream Peacock through computer to projector. Jim will bring it early to set up and try it out. Jim will also bring a large cooler of something to drink, bubble drinks. Will use gas grill to cook the burgers.

July 26. Say a few words, here is results of time trial. etc.

The time trial trip, has a little gravel and some holes.

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Event Community Unity Festival (CU FEST)

Description: festival is designed to strengthen police-community partnerships and promote neighborhood camaraderie, creating safer, more connected, and compassionate communities.

Host: Dementro "Debo" Powell, Director of Community Development & Engagement with the University of Illinois Police Department

Enjoy a day filled with:

Touch-a-Truck, Games & Activities, Live Music, Food Vendors, Local Organizations & Resource Booths. And Much More...

Funny tshirt – upside down – is my bike ok?

Grave Yard – find the oldest tomb stone.

Publicity Report [Open]

Webmaster update -

Also Lance has added a page to post rides we hear and know about.

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Old Business

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PCC Tour – next year. Chris Dangels and Jen – make the tour happen next year.

Do a Schwin Ride – beer and ride – look at the old bikes

Additional Ride Ideas (just keeping this on here 😊)

Ride to 500 grave yard – 15-20 mile ride – who ever finds the oldest grave, get a prize.

Moonlight rides – communicate what the ride is about. Find out about the insurance – Joan's concern. Next week is the next one. July 10 – ride on Friday July 11?

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Indiana – Perriesview? Town, roads got bad and people stopped going. Stay hear in town

Next meeting à First Wednesday August 6 at Dan's house 6:30 pm.

Adjourned: 7:09pm

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Sue Ellen Finkenbiner's House
Sept 5, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Take attendance: (quorum is # 4) start 6:30pm

Attendance:

Sue Jones, president
Joan Wingo, secretary
Richard Brannon, membership
Sue Ellen Finkenbiner, treasurer
Jim Witte – next President

Not in attendance:

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Minutes [Joan]

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

Received \$4.00 refund on unauthorized charge on Chase card.

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5/5/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$80.07	\$1,913.22
5/12/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$18.81	\$1,932.03
5/13/2025	deposit-membership	club income	\$25.00	\$1,957.03
5/19/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$56.43	\$2,013.46
5/27/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$18.81	\$2,032.27
5/30/2025	interest	club income	\$0.02	\$2,032.29
6/3/25	reimbursement Lance McGrew for business cards	club expense	-\$86.04	\$1,946.25
6/9/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$51.31	\$1,997.56
6/16/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$27.98	\$2,025.54
6/23/2025	Mas Movil fijo Panam 6/19/ (.9278)	club expense	-\$4.00	\$2,021.54
6/30/2025	deposit-membership	club income	\$20.00	\$2,041.54
6/30/2025	interest	club income	\$0.02	\$2,041.56
7/7/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$56.43	\$2,097.99
7/14/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$66.09	\$2,164.08
7/25/2025	Meijer- food for the Time Trial/Tour de France party	club expense	-\$136.24	\$2,027.84
7/31/2025	interest	club income	\$0.02	\$2,027.86
8/5/2025	deposit-membership	club income	\$20.00	\$2,047.86
8/11/2025	IL SOS NFP Annual Report filing	club expense	-\$11.00	\$2,036.86
8/18/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$18.81	\$2,055.67
8/25/2025	paypal deposit- membership	club income	\$18.81	\$2,074.48
8/29/2025	interest	club income	\$0.02	\$2,074.50

Membership Report (Richard)

119 members this year 2025 \$1894

110 members 2024 \$2200

112 members 2023 \$2390

120 members 2022 \$2138

August 1 on they get extended for one year membership.

Prior to August 1, need to pay for current year.

PayPal account is necessary to join the club if you use a credit card. PayPal processes the charge, but an account is not necessary.

Ride Illinois – can sign up for the year and a button allows you to be reminded the next year to be charge for a year.

Activities Report [Open]

Gibson City Fest is having a supported ride → we can keep promoting it (and the Vermillion ride :)) <https://vccd.org/river-to-rail-ride/> is the River to Rail ride. Nope, I don't find info online about it, though.

Full moon ride this Saturday night 6:30 from Meadowbrook...

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Sept 10 is Bike to Work day (rain date Sept 11)

Sept 16 4-7 “light the night” bike light giveaway (rain date next day)

Sept 21 there’s a Let’s Ride, Illinois! from BakeLab@Logic

September 2026 – Club century ride – Jim Witte

October 10 – Hilly Hundred

End of season ride → October 5 ;)

Motion to pay for one beer for each attendee at the end of season Riggs event. Motion passed.
9.3.2025

The “Riggs October 5, Sunday, 3:00 w/ potluck/food truck, meet to ride at 1:00 and being back by 3:00 not required” is how we’ve done it in the past.

... Membership Meeting in January — if we plan it now, we can skip meeting in October, eh?
Paid for Pizza and soft drinks and salad. Date January Sunday 4, 11, 18, 25
January 11, 2026 – look for date time 6-8 pm Michael Jupiters

Something Social in late Oct/ Early November? There’s a “witch’s ride” I *think.*

Winter Eskimo Pie Ride — now the ice creams are coming in candy bar flavors! Pre-COVID we had a “darwin ride” in January snow or shine ... like the end of season ride the actual event was a potluck at various places. Maybe

Also: the “put a route out there!” idea appeals to me esp. with the Strava option for showing whodunit. Now I’m thinking of how to plot routes to cemeteries ;) Mebbe with some Casey’s in the mix for refreshment, too.

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Next meeting first Wednesday in November

Adjourned: 9/3/2025 7:15 pm

Prairie Cycle Club Board Meeting Minutes

Jim Witte's House 1

November 5, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Take attendance: (quorum is # 4) start 6:30pm

Attendance:

Sue Jones, President

Joan Wingo, Secretary

Jim Witte – President to be for 2026

Not in attendance: Open, Activities Director Open, Publicity
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Membership Report (Richard)

Activities Report [Open]

Ellen Hendrick has offered to plan Happy Hours over the winter.
.... Membership Meeting in January —

Publicity Report [Open]

Webmaster update - None. Website looks great.

New Business: ELECTIONS

Sue Jones - found the form from last year

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevXXGa25TwEWCfjNk5mzTCV_j_esfSLqcVeo_j-zB1-2uwAhg/viewform?usp=dialog and we can send out stuff asking for nominations ASAP.

Old Business how 'bout reviving "Darwin" ride (his birthday is actually February 12) → ask if anybody wants to be host for potluck after?

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Next meeting (January gathering)

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2025 Board Meetings not held

August, October, December