



Pedalwheeling

Monthly Newsletter of the Quad Cities Bicycle Club — September 2013

Carter LeBeau; a life well lived

By Joe Jamison

We have lost an icon, a friend, a leader. His wife Kaye, his children, church, the QCBC, Rotary Club, RAGBRAI, and the thousands of friends he made during his life will miss him, his organized bicycling tour groups and chosen “waitresses-of-the-week” during lunch/dinner stops on his countless bike tours will miss him.

He just had to make a friend and the best candidates were liberals and rich farmers with whom he would argue. They loved him for it. Being a liberal didn't mean you couldn't be his friend, especially if you were a liberal who loved bicycling.

Most younger folks didn't quite know what to make of him. They may have heard the term, “The Greatest Generation” and even have read Tom Brokaw's book by the same title, but that never prepared them for an encounter with this most unusual man and certainly not to completely understand him.

He was a conservative of the first order from an earlier time. As a child of the depression, the Catholic faith, and the Constitution of his beloved United States, his values were branded on his soul. Upon learning of his commitments and patriotism, some younger people were puzzled, even amused, but it was always Carter, out front, when leadership was required.

When he formed an association with a club, a community organization or a friend, he did it with total commitment. His friendships were for a lifetime and with complete loyalty, as was his commitment to his marriage, and his support and relationship with his children.

He championed continuation of regular class reunions, from his high school and grade school. He once said his grade school reunions were the only such in the United States. As a member of Rotary Club, he maintained perfect attendance for more than 29 years, and visited 843 clubs around the world.



Carter in the first Ragbrai in 1973



Carter with wife Kaye

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Mission Statement: To promote, encourage, and support the safe participation in bicycle riding of all ages and abilities; to anticipate and address the needs and interests of all aspects of bicycling in the Quad Cities area.

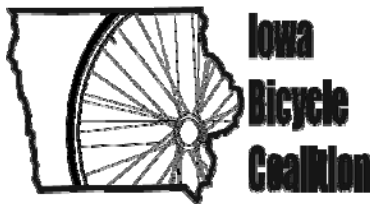
Club Meetings: Are held twice a year at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of March and October. For program information, call Denise Duethman at (309) 721-7276

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Major Activities of the Club Include: Tailwind Century in Spring and Fall, Spring Picnic, QC Criterium Bike Races on Memorial Day, Tour of the Mississippi River (TOMRV) in June, charter bus service on RAGBRAI in July, Du-State-Du Duathlon in August, Heartland Century in September and our Annual Dinner in November.

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Dirty Duo to be held Oct. 6 at Scott County Park

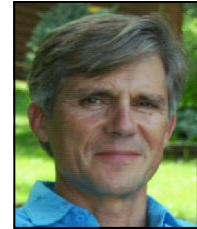
The Dirty Duo - a trail run and bike trail ride 7- to 10-mile trail bike ride—will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Scott County Park in Eldridge, Iowa. It consists of a 1.8 mile trail run and 7-10 trail bike ride. The cost is \$20 and limited to the first 100 pre-registered entrants. To register, visit <https://secure.getmeregistered.com/index.php>. A map of route will be posted soon at fitfoamfun.org.

Racers will receive socks. Trophies will be given. Part of the proceeds will benefit local running and biking trails. <http://fitfoamfun.org/#>



Let's Ride!

John Harrington, QCBC president



Dave's 35. First things first. I admit I stole that line, but more on that later.

Davis Phinney has won more pro bike races than any other American. He also was the first from the States to win a Tour de France stage. His wife is a former pro cyclist, as is their son.

Davis is in his early 50s and has Parkinson's .

Over the years, he has appeared at countless events raising thousands of dollars to support folks with Parkinson's. He also has four close friends on a mission to help him.

They are on a cross-country tour to raise funds for his charity, 100 miles at a time. Here's the hard-to-believe part. All four are mid-paced riders. These folks pedal at 15 to 17 mph.

Friends For Phinney (Kathleen, husband Kevin, Tom and Rick) rolled into Muscatine and enjoyed dinner with club members Dave and Lori Parker and Joe and Rosemary Jamison.



Dave Park, Joe Jamison and John Harrington

The next day, the four riders plus Dave, Joe and I were applauded by well-wishers as we set off on our ride. It was a windless, blue-sky day, with a cool, foggy morning that was perfect even if it didn't seem to fit in August.

Dave wanted to match his 30-mile maximum since he'd been diagnosed. He led us across the Mississippi and up the morning hills. Visit friendsforphinney.org for the outcome of that story. While you're there please consider a donation. Your club donated and these are very fine people riding their butts off to help those with Parkinson's.

Leonard Jefferson, right, attended a Introduction to Road Touring course in Williamsburg, Va., June 23-28. Presented by two Adventure Cycling Association trip leaders, it consisted of two days of classroom instruction at the Williamsburg KOA campground followed by a four-day self-contained bicycle tour through the Historic Triangle cities of Williamsburg, Yorktown, and Jamestown. It also included camping at the Chippokes Plantation State Park and Chickahominy Riverfront Park. Items of interest were the York River State Park, Yorktown Victory Center, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown Settlement Museum, and a ferry ride across the James River. The course is highly recommended for anyone interested in self-contained touring.



Sign up for Sept. 21-22 Self contained Touring Ride

Join Leonard Jefferson on a "Bike Overnight Self-Contained Touring Ride," Saturday, and Sunday, Sept. 21-22, on the Mississippi River Trail, from Davenport to Fourth Pumping Country Park in Oakville, Iowa and back.

The park has a primitive campground along the river. The route is 63 miles one way and includes six miles of gravel and some challenging climbs. To sign up, or for more information, contact Leonard Jefferson at (563) 209-7715 or jefferslx@msn.com.



Pushing for Pedaling

Promoting bicycling advocacy

By *Chuck Oestreich*

Like an elfin spirit out of Shakespeare, a modern day Puck, that “shrewd and knavish sprite,” flew on gossamer wings into western Iowa in July and transformed 15,000 people and places into strange, wondrous entities.

The changed world reversed the reality of work and routine, turning life into a dancing carnival parade of fun, food and foolishness through miles of biking through Iowa’s fair fields, hearty hills, and smiling small towns.

The week was RAGBRAI and it changed hum drum into an other-worldly biking extravaganza.

In this upside-down world, work turned out to be play because the work involved was bicycling. Those who did 112 miles or so on the ride’s second day did do some work, Even I, with 85 miles under my saddle that day, saw my play turn into work during the last 20 miles or so.

Just as in Shakespeare’s moonlighted forests, different people met, rode together, and became friends – an enlarging of the spirit enhanced by the ride.

Treeless fields surrounding towns grew one-night crops of thousands of tents and hundreds of signs guiding riders to their nightly location.

Small, sleepy towns woke up to become Medieval fairs of food booths, talent shows, bike repair facilities, curious spectators – a carnival of enticing food, drink, and friendly townspeople.

Ordinary appetites were magnified. Every stop along the way saw great quantities of food – Iowa classics such as pork chops, pancakes, sweet corn, handmade ice cream – being consumed. The Medieval pie-man became the Iowa church lady, producing tasty fruit pastries in unending varieties.

Garish carnival food also abounded – much french fried, such as corn on the cob, Jello, ice cream and foot-long corn dogs. And water gushed from plastic bottles like a Niagara torrent.

Strange happenings occurred. farm animals let themselves be petted; water slides gushed with riders-divers, some carrying cameras to record their feat; super heros in costume mixed with guys and gals in lycra and spandex.

Bicyclists who normally ride singly – or two together – became part of unrelenting hordes, sometimes taking over two lanes of road. But magically, few accidents occurred as they swept around and in-between each other.

Stop signs and lights were unheeded, vehicle traffic held back by uniformed officers at almost every intersection.

Ordinary toilets disappeared – replaced by plastic booths called Kybos (porta-potties), some stretched in rows almost blocks long. Cornfields also served.

One city’s newspaper headlined: “Circus Rides into Town.” They were right. RAGBRAI is a circus, an other-worldly stretch of the imagination jumping from mundane reality to enlightened escapism. Foolish, yes. “Lord, what fools these mortals be!”

But it’s bicycling through fields and hills that blends it all together, that makes RAGBRAI a memorable dream every midsummer.

Shakespeare had a night; thanks to RAGBRAI we have a whole week.

Fall Tailwind Century on Oct. 5

By **Janette Harrington**

The 2013 Fall Tailwind Century Ride will be held Saturday, Oct. 5. Bike loading on the Ben Butterworth Parkway will begin at 6:30 a.m., and buses will leave for the starting destination at 7 a.m. There will be one bus, with a limit of about 45 people. Another bus will be added if needed. The drive will take about two hours.

Once there, bikes will be unloaded and cue sheets handed out before everyone begins the ride. There will be a secure area (probably a locked trailer) for any gear people don’t want to haul back on their bike.

The entry fee is \$25. There will be a basic sag stop about 50 to 60 miles into the ride, with water, Gatorade, sub sandwiches and other goodies. Every route has many small towns with services if you need a full lunch.

Visit GetMeRegistered.com to sign up for the ride after Aug. 19. If you paid for the Spring Tailwind ride and plan to ride the Fall Tailwind, notify Janette Harrington at jkhwjwh@gmail.com by Oct. 1, when registration will be closed. The Tailwind Committee is comprised of Dave Thompson, Janette Harrington and Don Luth.

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The planet wasn't large enough for Carter. We have photos of him at the Mt. Everest base camp in his QCBC jersey, and news reports of his near-death attempt to save a fellow scuba diver in the ocean when he emerged too quickly and suffered the bends.

His travels around the world with Kaye were legendary. Ordinary travel was too tame for Carter as evidenced by the day we received a postcard reporting their stay at the Ice Hotel in Norway.

Carter joined the QCBC in the late '60s and was elected to the board in 1972 when membership was less than 100. In 1973, he participated in the first RAGBRAI and formed a friendship with the originators Karras and Kaul, which later paid tremendous dividends to the QCBC's visibility.

Carter rode RAGBRAI every year until his passing. In 1973, he was elected QCBC president, and in 1974 created the club's first organized century, "The Mississippi Valley Century," which was the club's financial base for many years.

Carter was re-elected club president in 1977 and again in 1978, when he and Bob Frey introduced "Tour of the Mississippi Valley" (TOMRV). The two-day tour immediately became popular, and was heavily attended, creating a strong financial base for the growing club. By then, membership had grown to 522.

In 1983, when Carter again was club president, the QCBC was recognized as the 20th largest in the United States by the League of American Wheelmen.

In 1996, Carter was named first recipient of the club's highest award, the "Award of Merit," for outstanding service. In 2010, he was inducted into the club's first "Hall of Fame" class for his accomplishments.

Through the '90s, 2000's, 2010s, tailwind tours, charity rides, week-long college-town bicycling tours were added to the club's roster. And at age 87, his energy and willingness to work for the club never waned. In the end, the only thing that could get him to stop was time.

He leaves his club with its membership standing at 1,196.

There was a picture of Carter in the Des Moines Register during the first RAGBRAI. He's shown wearing a star-laden bandana and that engaging smile, riding his bike curbside where children stood with extended hands hoping for a "high five" from Carter. He giddily accommodated them.

I have a feeling that same scene is being replayed in heaven as the Saints are standing curbside with hands extended to Carter. I hope they know what they're in for!

LeBeau is French for "The Good" or "The Beautiful." How appropriate that this man lived up to his name. "A good man who lived a beautiful life." Bless you Carter.

Report first century rides

The QCBC gives First Century awards each year to members who completed their first century that year. In 2012, 10 awards were given.

If you do your first century this year, let us know by contacting Vivian Norton at 563-355-1899 or vjoan@q.com.

If you're just getting warmed up for distance riding and want to try a century, there are three club rides yet this year - the Heartland Century on Saturday, Sept. 14; Fall Tailwind Century on Saturday, Oct. 5; and the Fall Foliage Ride on Saturday and/or Sunday, Oct. 12-13.

Awards will be given at the annual dinner on Saturday, Nov. 2. You don't have to be at the dinner to receive your award, but you are encouraged to attend to meet and mingle with QCBC members. We usually have entertainment and always have a good time. If you're not a QCBC member, it's not too late to join. Go to QCBC.org and copy and send in an application. The site also has ride schedules, want ads and all things bicycle.

Chuck Oestreich to give program at Moline library

Longtime QCBC member and activist Chuck Oestreich will discuss how to have fun on a bicycle at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Moline Public Library, 3210 41st St., Moline.

He will discuss modern urban biking, which emphasizes bicycling for transportation and enjoyment—no racing or mega-mileage, just plain old fun.

He also will discuss his recently published novel, "Bicycle Moon," which is about a ordinary bicyclist who gets caught up in a multi-state bike adventure involving romance, mystery, and a hectic chase through a major Iowa bike event. He will have copies of the book and be available for book signing.

Sign up for Wisconsin Fall Foliage Ride

By Deb and Dean Mathias

It's time to start making plans to join Deb and Dean Mathias for the 2013 QCBC Fall Foliage Ride in Mt. Horeb, Wis. on Oct. 12 and 13.

The ride starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday from the Military Ridge State Park Trail parking lot and will be 50 to 60 miles. On Sunday, the ride starts at 8 a.m. from the same location and will be 40 to 50 miles. Deb and Dean will drive to Mount Horeb Friday evening, Oct. 11.

Can't get away for an entire weekend? Travel distance to Mt. Horeb is about 140 miles from Davenport. Close enough to drive up and back the same day. You have an option to ride just one day on some new roads with spectacular scenery that is quite different from the corn and bean fields we have been looking at all summer.

Mt. Horeb (<http://trollway.com/>) is known for life-size trolls carved into tree trunks scattered along its main street. Visitors are encouraged to take a leisurely "[Troll Stroll](#)" to seek out these unique characters.

A cycling route on quiet country roads promises to offer more than a few hills both days. So keep up your hill training regimen. Some options with less challenging hills also will be available. The destination is a different town each day with lunch opportunities before the return ride on different roads.

The Military Ridge Bike Trail (crushed limestone) offers an option for cyclists who prefer flat terrain. The trail runs west to Governor Dodge State Park and east to Verona, just outside of Madison. A trail pass is required.

If you plan to attend, contact Deb or Dean Mathias at 309-737-8429 or mathiasdebdean@peoplepc.com so we know how many people to expect. Also, give us a head count of people who will be joining the group for a scrumptious Italian dinner on Saturday night. People who are not riding are welcome to join us for dinner.

You are responsible for making your own room reservations. At the Karakahl Country Inn (www.karakahl.com), the rate is \$59.95 plus tax. The area can be busy this time of year so we encourage you to reserve early. Call 888-621-1884 or 608-437-5545 to reserve your room.

Rooms also are available at the Village Inn Hotel (www.littlebedder.com), which is attached to the Military Ridge Bike Trail. Call 608-437-3350 for reservations.

Some bed and breakfasts also are in the area. Check the Mt. Horeb website for more information.

There are two nearby parks that provide camping. Brigham Park is a 112-acre park with a spectacular panoramic view about seven miles west of Mt. Horeb. Blue Mounds State Park is about 10 miles west of Mt. Horeb. For information on the parks call 608-437-5711 or 888-947-2757.

Bring along non-cycling family members to enjoy points of interest in or near Mt. Horeb, such as the Troll Walk, Military Ridge Bike Trail, Blue Mounds State Park, Brigham Park, Stewart Park, Little Norway (www.littlenorway.com), and Cave of the Mounds (608-437-3038)

New route, 2 options for Sept. 14 Heartland Century

By Bruce Grell

The Sept. 14 Heartland Century has a new route and two distance options of roughly 60 and 100 miles. Both start at Illiniwek Park north of Hampton, Ill. Riders on the short route will have a sag stop in Geneseo, which riders on the long route will hit twice. Lunch stop for the long route is in Andover. The map will be/is available at qcbc.org.

Registration is at Get me Registered https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=8904 and is open through Sept. 7, and includes DeFeet socks. Socks may, or may not, be available for those who register on ride day.

The Century starts from 6:30 to 8 a.m., and the short course ride must start before 10 a.m. Pre-registration through GetMeRegistered is \$25 plus their fee for club members and \$30 for non members. Registration on race day will be \$30 and \$35 respectively, and include socks if available.

This September in QCBC bicycling history

By Joe Jamison

Bicycling trivia:

No one can ride forever, but how old is too old before giving up cycling? Let's take a look. QCBC member Barney Young still rides—at age 94. Ninety-year-old Gordy Shields set the National 20K Time Trial record for his age group at 16.6 mph. The oldest person to officially finish the grueling 750 mile, Paris Brest Paris was 76. So I guess the answer is that if you don't see your obituary notice in the morning paper, do a ride.

Quotes from the past:

"A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle.".....Gloria Steinem

QCBC events/happenings from the past:

- **1973:** Bike Centennial (now Adventure Cycling) announced plans for an across-the-United States ride in celebration of the country's 200-year anniversary.
- **1983:** Several QCBC members accompanied Lon Haldeman through the Quad-Cities during his RAAM crossing. Haldeman won for the second consecutive year. Raleigh Bicycle Company awarded \$15,000 to the first rider to finish on one of their bikes.
- **1993:** An amazing report appeared in this year's newsletter by then 74-year-old Barney Young on his epic tour into, around and beyond New York City. He showed no fear and still doesn't.
- 2003: About the \$5 fee to ride his overnight camping/cycling tour, Dave Alftine said; "Five dollars might seem cheap, but you don't get much." Participants must have been getting something because the event carries on.



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The QCBC website <http://qcbc.org/rides/> will have the most up-to-date schedule.

September - Ride Schedule

Sep 01	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- Riders Choice, but Orion Fall Festival for breakfast in park would be a good one!	TBD	8:00AM	Colona Grade School, 700-1st St., Colona	Riders Choice
Sep 02	Mid-paced	Labor Day ride- McCausland for pancakes and car show. Great holiday tradition.	40 miles	7:30AM (note earlier time)	Eastern Avenue Park, Duck Creek Pkwy- Davenport, IA	TBD
Sep 03	Women-only	Tuesday after work, the ladies ride a couple hours then go out for supper	25+ miles	5:30PM	Call Kathy for starting location	Kathy Ramp 309-738-8389
Sep 04	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	8:00AM	HyVee- Kimberly Rd/Spring Street, Davenport	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Sep 05	Mid-paced	Thursday evening ride- loop on and off Great River Trail.	32-36 miles	5:30PM	East end of Ben Butterworth Pkwy, Old River Dr. & 55th Street, Moline	Bill Storm 563-343-9916
Sep 07	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- Blue Grass for breakfast at American Legion Hall.	40-45 miles	8:00AM	Ermeis Golf Course parking lot, Davenport	Dean Arney 563-355-1282
Sep 08	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- Scenic ride to Johnson Sauk Trail State Park. Breakfast buffet at restaurant in park.	50-55 miles	8:00AM	Geneseo City Park	Tim & Ruth Clearman 309-441-5484
Sep 10	Women-only	Tuesday after work, the ladies ride a couple hours then go out for supper	25+ miles	5:30PM	Call Kathy for starting location	Kathy Ramp 309-738-8389
Sep 11	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	8:00AM	HyVee- Kimberly Rd/Spring Street, Davenport	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Sep 12	Mid-paced	Thursday evening ride- loop on and off Great River Trail.	32-36 miles	5:30PM	East end of Ben Butterworth Pkwy, Old River Dr. & 55th Street, Moline	Bill Storm 563-343-9916
Sep 14	Mid-paced	Heartland Century				
Sep 15	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- Scott County loop, route will be determined by wind direction.	40-45 miles	8:00AM	Eastern Avenue Park, Duck Creek Pkwy- Davenport, IA	Ken Urban 563-343-9118
Sep 17	Women-only	Tuesday after work, the ladies ride a couple hours then go out for supper	25+ miles	5:30PM	Call Kathy for starting location	Kathy Ramp 309-738-8389
Sep 18	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	8:00AM	HyVee- Kimberly Rd/Spring Street, Davenport	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Sep 19	Mid-paced	Thursday evening ride- loop on and off Great River Trail.	32-36 miles	5:30PM	East end of Ben Butterworth Pkwy, Old River Dr. & 55th Street, Moline	Bill Storm 563-343-9916
Sep 21	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- Kristins surprise, route on and off Great River Trail.	40-45 miles	8:00AM	East end of Ben Butterworth Pkwy, Old River Dr. & 55th Street, Moline	Kristin Jordan 309-644-1644
Sep 22	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- DeWitt for breakfast at American Legion Hall.	36-40 miles	8:00AM	North Scott High School, Eldridge	Dave Keally 309-948-1730
Sep 24	Women-only	Tuesday after work, the ladies ride a couple hours then go out for supper	25+ miles	5:30PM	Call Kathy for starting location	Kathy Ramp 309-738-8389
Sep 25	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	8:00AM	HyVee- Kimberly Rd/Spring Street, Davenport	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Sep 26	Mid-paced	Thursday evening ride- loop on and off Great River Trail.	32-36 miles	5:30PM	East end of Ben Butterworth Pkwy, Old River Dr. & 55th Street, Moline	Bill Storm 563-343-9916
Sep 28	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- SW Clinton County tour, two different routes will take you as far as Toronto (Iowa!).	50-65 miles	8:00AM	Sportsmens Park- Donahue, IA	Darlen Moritz 563-386-3499
Sep 29	Mid-paced	Sunday morning ride- Loud Thunder loopObeautiful fall scenery with stop in Buffalo Prairie	50 miles	8:00AM	First parking lot on the south side of Loud thunder Rd, within the park	Jim Hudson 309-756-0953

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Oct 02	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	9:00AM	Hardees, 425 55th St. Moline	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Oct 05	Mid-paced	Saturday morning ride- Riders choice Route determined by participants.	TBD	9:00AM (note earlier time)	Crow Creek Park, Devils Glen Road, Bettendorf	Riders Choice
Oct 08	Women-only	Tuesday after work, the ladies ride a couple hours then go out for supper	25+ miles	5:30PM	Call Kathy for starting location	Kathy Ramp 309-738-8389
Oct 09	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	9:00AM	Hardees, 425 55th St. Moline	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499
Oct 15	Women-only	Tuesday after work, the ladies ride a couple hours then go out for supper	25+ miles	5:30PM	Call Kathy for starting location	Kathy Ramp 309-738-8389
Oct 16	Wed-morning	Wednesday Morning Combined ride, riders determine the distance, pace, includes breakfast stop	25+ miles	9:00AM	Hardees, 425 55th St. Moline	Darlene Moritz 563-386-3499

Friendship Force International Bike Ride is Almost Here

By Vivian Norton

There has been an excellent response from QCBC on leading rides and providing suggestions when Friendship Force International comes to town in September. Thanks to Bruce and Becky Perry for hosting two Friendship Force participants as guests for the week and helping with rides.

A few people have asked if they can ride along as QCBC ambassadors. Yes. We welcome anyone who is willing for the four days of riding. You can learn about Friendship Force International and the opportunities it provides for national and international travel.

Ride schedule (all rides leave at 9 a.m.):

Monday, Sept. 9: Leave from Leach Park after a short talk by Kathy Wine about the development of QC bike trails, and ride to Le Claire. Return about 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept 10: Leave from the Port Byron boat ramp and ride to Albany Mounds, have lunch and return.

Thursday, Sept 12: Bike from the Port Byron boat ramp to John Deere Commons. Lunch, look around the Commons then return to Port Byron. (Friendship Force participants and ride helpers will have an organized lunch at Johnny's.)

Friday, Sept. 13: Bike from Leach Park in Bettendorf to Buffalo via the new Credit Island bridge to Concord. There will be a stop at the Nahant Education Center before going on to Buffalo for lunch.

If there are changes to this schedule, a blast will be sent out on the QCBC site. Organizers, Kathleen Doyle and Vivian Norton appreciate and thank the QCBC board for allowing the use of the web site and Pedalwheeling to communicate with the QCBC membership.

New members

Andrews, Melissa , & Michael	Davenport, IA	day 563-355-7569 eve 563-940-5733
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Byers, Kurt , & Lindsey	Crystal, MN	day 763-795-8482 eve 763-742-7092
Connell, Mary	Clinton, IA	day 563-559-0498 eve 563-243-7228
Gangadhariah, Ravindrakumar , & Sowbaghya	Bettendorf, IA	day 563-332-5549 eve 563-676-3684
Koenig, Kelsey	Davenport, IA	day 425-501-6511
Martin, Michele , & John	Davenport, IA	day 563-370-3028
Pessman, Greg	Fulton, IL	309-887-4942
Turner, Kari	Davenport, IA	
VanDeWostine, Karen	Bettendorf, IA	day 563-529-3690
Viens, Alexandre , & Stephanie	Davenport, IA	day 563-508-9802 eve 563-424-4510

QCBC Membership Totals

Membership type	# of memberships	# of members
Comp	11	11
Couple	220	440
Family	118	381
Ind.	352	352
Life	3	5
Grand total	704	1,193

RAGBRAI XLI wrap-up

By Dixon Novy

QCBC RAGBRAI Charter Service director

The Quad City Bicycle Club's RAGBRAI Charter Service has completed another successful outing. This year's perfect temperatures, daily tailwinds and 50-some-mile riding days added up to many happy cyclists.

We had 254 RAGBRAI charter guests this year, coming from a record 29 states, plus one each from Canada and Uruguay. Fifty seven percent came from the Quad-Cities area; 53 percent were return guests; and 72 percent were male, with an average age of 50.

The event can't be so successful without club members lending their smiling faces and hands. I wish to thank those who helped make this one of the premier RAGBRAI Charter Services in the country.

Thank you packet pick-up/check-in volunteers Sean Hayek, Kristin Jordan, Phil Schubbe, Suzanne Wheeler and Kathy Loomis

Thank you RAGBRAI ride right ambassadors (who take a day out of their vacation to help those in need along the way). They were multiple-day volunteers Matt Levy, Michael Hughes, Scott Miller, Les Nepper, Raul Briseno, Peggy Reins, Chad McCoy, and QCBC board members Leonard Jefferson, Doug McDonald and Michael Terry.

Thank you Tony Buck for handling logistics such as reserving campsites long before the snow has melted, organizing charter buses and semi truck/trailers to transport bicycles, as well as other duties.

Thank you support team, which provides endless hours of time to ensure we all enjoy our vacations. I'm talking about Mike, Lisa and Kelsea Osborn, Drew Kits, and Big John Gebelein.

Thank you Christine Anderson of Livestrong, who was instrumental in recruiting Livestrong members to join our charter service to Council Bluffs and the back from Fort Madison.

Thanks to all who entered the RAGBRAI Dream Team jersey raffle. Your \$5 chance helped raise \$180 toward this worthy cause. Another record. This year's RAGBRAI winner was Paul Dunlap of Vallejo, Calif.

Thanks to every RAGBRAI Charter Service guest. We hope to see you back next year, as well as at other QCBC events throughout the year. Be sure to check the 2013 comments section on our website's Charter Service page.

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ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO WEAR HELMETS WHEN CYCLING