

HELENA BICYCLE CLUB

HBC SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER MEETING:

MICKELSON TRAIL

Tuesday
Sept. 24,
2013
7:00 P.M.

Join us at MT Wild Center to hear a program by Will & Candy West on cycling the Mickelson Trail.



Mickelson Trail
Photo from SD State Parks Website

South Dakota's Mickelson Trail

HBC September Meeting

Why not head to South Dakota for your next bicycling adventure? Will & Candy West cycled the George S. Mickelson trail in 2013 and will be giving a presentation at the Helena Bicycle Club's September Meeting. The Mickelson Trail is 109 miles long and its surface is primarily crushed limestone and gravel, running between Edgemont and Deadwood, SD. The trail is open to travel by foot, bicycle, and horseback (as well as ski traffic in winter) and there are more than one hundred converted railroad bridges and four rock tunnels. Fifteen trailheads offer parking, self-serve trail pass vending, vault toilets and tables.

Plan on coming to the September Club Meeting to hear directly from Will & Candy about the great scenery and recreation available on the Mickelson Trail. The meeting is Tuesday, September 24th at Montana Wild, 7PM.

Volunteers Needed

Montana Wild and Montana State Parks are holding the **Helena Outdoor Festival** on Saturday September 28th. The event will be from 11AM - 3PM at Spring Meadow Lake State Park. The free,

family-friendly event helps promote new outdoor sports and activities. Montana Wild has asked the Helena Bicycle Club to participate in the event by conducting a bike rodeo at the Outdoor Festival. HBC uses the Montana Wild meeting room throughout the year and this is a great opportunity to give something back and say "Thank You," and to make a difference in the community and promote safe bicycle riding. About ten volunteers are needed and lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

If you can assist with the Outdoor Festival, please contact HBC President Peggy Stringer by email (strpb@q.com) or by phone at 406-459-9748.

Speed Limit Change Proposal

There is a proposal to reduce the current speed limits on Lincoln Road between Montana and Green Meadow Drive, specifically in front of Jim Darcy Elementary School. Our club President, Peggy Stringer, plans to attend the County Commission meeting at 10AM on September 19th when oral and written comments will be accepted. If you have comments on the proposal but can not attend the meeting, feel free to send your comments to Peggy and she can turn them in at the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24
Club Meeting at
MT Wild, 7PM
Program:
Mickelson Trail

September 28
Helena Outdoor
Festival 11AM-3PM
Spring Meadow Lake

October 12
Wolf Point Dam Ride

October 22
HBC Annual Meeting

HBC Bylaws Revision

As was reported in the July/August edition of the newsletter, HBC is in the process of applying for tax-exempt status as a 501 (c)(3) organization. As part of this process, the club bylaws need to be revised and updated. There is now a working version of proposed revisions to the HBC bylaws on the HBC Website. To see the proposed changes, go to helenabicycleclub.org and select the "HBC Bylaws Revision" link. You will be directed to a page showing the revised bylaws, with all proposed changes and additions being shown in RED. It is the aim of the HBC Board to vote on accepting the revised bylaws at our annual meeting in October.

Thanks to Ride Directors and Volunteers

The Helena Bicycle Club once again sponsored the One Helena Hundred and Double Divide Rides this summer. Both were fantastic events and we owe a great deal of thanks to our ride directors and volunteers. Thanks to everyone who worked on logistics, volunteered to staff a support station, fix meals, haul luggage and supplies, set up signage, and all the myriad other tasks it takes to put on these rides. Thank you for your help! We appreciate it.

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