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The Cue Sheet September 2019

Elmhurst Bike Club's Monthly Newsletter

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Next Meeting:

J & R Cycle November 7th
Food, beer, and raffles.
Presentation by Trek Travel

President's Message

Happy October EBC members,

Fall is upon us and while the temperatures are falling, the level of EBC activities will remain very robust, with road and MTB rides, hikes, trail rides and other great events! The Elmhurst Bike Club is an all season organization that remains very active long after many clubs have wrapped up their season.

Our Club elections will be conducted online Nov 21st to 30th as stipulated in article 7 of our Bylaws here: [EBC Bylaws](#) The following 4 members have been nominated for the Positions below, but every position is open for all members to run for. Simply nominate yourself as detailed in the bylaws.

President: George Pastorino
VP/Ride Captain: Ron Richards
Secretary: Kim Messina
Membership Coordinator: Shelly Hicks

If you wish to be placed on the Ballot for any position, *please send an email both to john_r@riordanartistry.com and george.pastorino@gmail.com before 10/31. Only nominations sent to both addresses will be placed on the ballot as stipulated in the club bylaws. The final ballot will be published to the club via email on November 1st. The actual election will be open for electronic voting for the last 10 days of November and that exact procedure will sent to the club by The Web Team before the election but will be similar in nature to the test elections they conducted in January. Please nominate yourself, not others as we want members who really want these positions to run as they are a lot of work and no one should be coerced into it.*

There is currently no candidate for Treasurer, please consider nominating yourself for the position. If you can balance your household checkbook you can do this job! The Treasurer position comes with Quicken on a laptop to make tracking and record keeping easier. For the most part it only takes an hour or two each month to complete all posting, bill payments, bank statement and reports. The Treasurer also helps shape the direction of The Club through their votes and discussions at Board meetings.

There will be no Club or Board Meeting in October. Our November meeting will be at J and R Cycle on the 7th and Trek Travel will be the featured presenter plus many bonus items like food, beer and raffles. Details are here: [EBC November meeting](#) See you there!

That's all for now...see you soon on the road or trail riding at the speed of fun!

George Pastorino
President

Editor's Note

Denise Kolden

At the end of August, while driving, I witnessed a car aggressively pass, and then cut off, a cyclist. The cyclist had gestured when the car passed, and then gestured again (Open hand, outstretched arm both times). I decided to get the car's details: make; model; and plates; to report to the police. While the cyclist appeared unharmed, it was a very close call, and unsettling to see. I had to go in person to the station, and was told that no cyclist had called in about the incident, so what did I want done. I explained my concern for cyclists and pedestrians, especially as school was just back in session. He agreed to contact the driver. I'm not sure what happened, but I am glad that I took the time to get the information about the car, and go to the police. As a rider, you may not be able to get the details of a close call, but contact police, it can make a difference. I think if nothing else, it is a reminder to authorities that we cyclists are people on bike, and part of the communities they serve.

As we welcome Autumn, we've had several rides cancelled due to rain. Riders, please check the calendar for different start times, and updates to the rides you're looking for.

It's time to renew your membership! Why renew? Your membership funds the club's insurance, website, donations, and other activities. Being part of a large, social club also shows our hometowns that cycling is an important leisure activity for residents.

Our sponsor of the month is Prairie Path Cycles, with two locations, Batavia and Winfield. During the heart of Winter, join them for an indoor time trial.

Illinois Rules of The Road Refresher

From Illinois DMV

Designated Bicycle Lane.

When the bicycle lane is properly marked on city streets, the bicyclist should always stay within these boundaries. As bicyclists are riding in their designated lane, they should be aware of parked vehicles and the possibility a motorist could unexpectedly open the door. The term "dooring" occurs when a motorist opens the door without first looking or performing the "Dutch Reach" method. The "Dutch Reach" method is completed when the motorist reaches across with the hand farthest from the vehicle door when preparing to exit. By performing this simple method, motorists would automatically turn their body to the vehicle door, thereby, forcing them to look for oncoming bicyclists or other traffic.

Membership Renewal

Shelly Hicks

Greetings EBC Members, Guess What?

It is time to sign up for your 2020 fun by renewing your EBC Membership. We are one of the larger, more active bicycle clubs in the area with both active and social events all year long.

You know what makes this such a great bike club?

YOU! ALL OF YOU!! Won't you join us again for

another year of fun and relationships? EBC's

membership drive officially kicked off October 1st. I urge you to continue "riding at the speed of fun" (among many other activities) for another year by signing up today!



When you go to elmhurstbicycling.org website, remember it is important to **RENEW** your membership and **not** to sign up as a new member so you do not receive double membership numbers. This makes it pretty confusing for us admin folks and double the work. Please see below for the simple steps to renew. You can also visit the [EBC Login & Membership](#) Renewal page of our website. Should you need your log in username or your password reset, don't hesitate to reach out Membership@ElmhurstBicycling.org

Instructions from our website on how to renew:

NOTE: The whole topic of "Renewing" only applies to "Primary" members. "Primary" members are either folks that have an "Individual" membership (which means they paid for themselves), or those that have a "Family" membership in which they are the Family Member that ***pays the account. If you desire to swap the Primary and Secondary members on the account then ask the EBC to have it done. For this, you can***

email: <Webmaster@ElmhurstBicycling.org>

If it is the renewal period (October 1st to December 31st), then members should do the following steps if they have not done so already:

- Login to the EBC CE (this) website using your given login name and password. (If you have never logged in, or lost your password; then email the EBC webmaster <Webmaster@ElmhurstBicycling.org> and ask for a new password.)
- Once logged in, look to the upper right on your screen. Your name should appear there.
- Just to the right of your name is a little 'v' (down arrow).
- Click that down arrow and you should see some links, including "Profile". Below the "Profile" link, there should be a "**Renew**" link, which means EBC CE is awaiting your renewal & payment. Click on "**Renew**".
- Fill out your info on the next page that opens up, then...
- Proceed to the Payment Page.
- After filling in basic membership choices, or leaving the defaults, you need to pay by pressing the PayPal button that pops up without notice (unfortunately, it is not intuitive).
- ***You do NOT have to be a member of PayPal in order to use their payment apparatus. You can pay using your credit card from within PayPal.***
- Download & view this PDF document, illustrating paying with your credit card via PayPal: [Paying with Credit Card using PayPal](#)
- After finishing payment, you will be brought back to the EBC CE website, and can continue on in the site as a paid-up, logged-in Member of the EBC.

Sponsor Profile: Prairie Path Cycles

Ginny Preston, Sponsor Chair, Photos by Tom Preston, Chauffeur

Prairie Path Cycles
27W181 Geneva Road
Winfield, Illinois 60190



This month, the spotlight is on Prairie Path Cycles, Winfield and Batavia Illinois. They have been Elmhurst Bicycle Club Sponsors since 2016. The shop being featured in this article is in Winfield and is owned by Mary Lee Geraghty. It has been at this location since 1992.

As you can see by the photos, they are a Trek dealer, fully equipped with many different bicycles, clothing and helmets, and bicycling accessories. Their catalog can be found by clicking on the link of the Home Page of The Elmhurst Bicycle Club website

When asked which bikes are their best sellers, the reply is the e-bike. It has only become this popular in very recent years. People want to be able to ride longer and to keep up with the rest of the group. The e-bike enables them

to do that. As Mary Lee says, "It is a game changer". Another best seller is the "Townie" which is a great bicycle for riding around the neighborhood and going to the store.

Prairie Path Cycles has a full team of mechanics. Sean, Jon, and Nick are with the Winfield shop; and Liam and Michael are with Mike Farrell in Batavia. They are all experienced mechanics in these family friendly shops ready to help us with any bicycle need.

There are bicycles available at these shops to be taken for test rides. That's a great way to get familiar with some of these new bicycles for a possible future purchase. Be sure to bike or drive to either of these shops and tell them you are with Elmhurst Bicycle Club. They will be happy to help you.



Trek Travel P/B Elmhurst Bicycle Club & J&R Cycle

George Pastorino

Big news about the November EBC meeting! Trek Travel is teaming up with Elmhurst Bicycle Club at J&R Cycle, 240 W. St. Charles Road, Villa Park, on Thursday, November 7th at 6:30 PM for an evening dedicated to dreaming about where your bike will take you next!

Voted a 2018 World's Best Tour Operator by Travel & Leisure Magazine and with 50+ destinations worldwide, there is a Trek Travel trip for every rider level out there, from experiencing the scenic wine country of France to multisport adventures in our beloved National Parks. Come to discover what makes Trek Travel special.

There will be additional parking at Allegra Banquets across the street.

It will be a festive meeting that all are invited to attend. Check out all the extras and goodies that will be included.

- Social hour with Beef Sandwiches, appetizers, Beer, wine and soft drinks
- 35-minute presentation and Q&A with a Trek Travel representative
- Raffle prizes, including three \$25.00 J and R Gift cards and more!
- Trek Travel coupon for up to \$200 off your next cycling vacation for all attendees
- 20% off all accessories and clothing in store

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ELMHURST BICYCLE CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019

Present: George Pastorino, Ron Richards, Shelly Hicks, Kim Messina, Kelli Morgan, Cindy Reedy

President: Discussion on purchasing a Pop-up Tent, table cover, and a flag from Omni Productions continued, and a motion to move forward with the purchase was passed. These items will be used when EBC participates in bike related or community events which promote cycling. Up to \$1300 was authorized to purchase these items once the company is chosen whom we will purchase from.

Beginning in 2020, EBC meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of MAR / MAY / SEP / NOV

The club will also meet the following months: Jan 2020 – the meeting will be the CPR class /

Aug – will be the Picnic / Dec – Christmas Party

Vice President: To encourage riders to participate in the Meet-Up Rides (previous Show & Go), it is suggested to email the club/list server announcing that they will be leading the Meet Up Ride.

Membership Coordinator: Currently there are 484 members.

Treasurer: Monthly Banking Summary (dated 1/1/2019 – 9/12/2019): Total income: \$201.79; Total Expenses \$956.93; Total balance: \$7,977.48

Secretary: Elmhurst College will having a block party-bike parade on Saturday Oct 5, from 10am-11am; EBC has been asked to help lead participants. Bike Marshals are need for Ram Racing Hot Chocolate 5k/15k to be held Sunday Nov 3. Send me an email if you are interested in volunteering to bike marshal.

Elmhurst Christmas Party will be held Dec 12 at Angelo's Restaurant in Elmhurst. Look to purchase tickets at the same time club members renew their club dues.

Sponsorship: not present at the Board meeting.

Advocacy: The City of Elmhurst has passed a motion to do a phase 1 engineering study to build the bicycle/pedestrian bridge over Route 83 on the north side of Elmhurst. This will allow safe crossing to the Salt Creek Greenway Trail, to Cricket Creek Park, and to many other trails.

Newsletter: no report

Website/Database: no news

Publicity: no news.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday November 14, at J&R Cycle, 240 St. Charles Road, Villa Park IL 60181 at 6:15pm. Members are welcome

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Messina, Club Secretary

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General Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2019

Present: George Pastorino, Ron Richards, Shelly Hicks, Kim Messina, Kelli Morgan, Cindy Reedy,
The General Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at Community Bank of Elmhurst.

President: There was a moment of silence, in honor of Gerry Fekete, who recently passed away. Betty Bond spoke a few minutes of Gerry's kindness and her wish for club members to take her jerseys and patches that were brought to the meeting.

Everybody Rides is this Sunday Sep 15, come out and support a good cause.

This year, voting for EBC Officers will be through the online voting tool offered on the EBC website, a feature of the Club Express program. If anyone would like to run for a board post, please let George know. All votes cast will remain anonymous. Please sign up for a position that you would like to volunteer for. We are in need of a Treasurer, as Judy will retire her post after 2019.

Vice-president/Ride Captain: Ron announced some changes to the Ride Posting Rules: Show & Go will now be called Meet-Up rides. If someone knows they will be going to this ride, they are asked to send an email to the club announcing that they will be there, in hopes of more people will come out to do this impromptu ride.

There is now a 6-hour lead time – to post for a P.M. ride. The 12-hour rule still applies for an a.m. ride. For invitational rides only: riders can exceed the miles ridden by the posted Ride Leader, and have their actual miles posted to the ride sheet. In the past that was not possible, but to keep recording of miles simple, it is up to the member to advise the Ride Leader how many miles were ridden.

Secretary Report: Elmhurst College will having a block party-bike parade on Saturday Oct 5, from 10am-11am; EBC has been asked to help lead participants. Bike Marshals are need for Ram Racing Hot Chocolate 5k/15k to be held Sunday Nov 3. Send me an email if you are interested in volunteering to bike marshal.

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- Total members: 484

Meeting attendance: 23 members

Remember to update your ICE (In case of Emergency) number in your EBC membership profile:

Phone number, name of your contact, and their phone number.

- **Door prize winners:**

Rich Jurewicz - \$25.00 Rudy's Cycle & Fitness

Tonight's refreshments: Sue and Debbie Hickey

Newsletter Editor: Denise Kolden welcomes your articles, pictures, and riding experiences you wish to share

Refreshment Coordinator: Terri Caraballo

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Awards and Club Attire: Dennis Mariasis is here to show new club jerseys and explain sizing to ensure correct sizes are ordered.

Sponsorship: Ginny Preston presented information on Rudy's Cycle and Fitness, located at 5711 Irving Park Road in Chicago. Go to our website and click on the link for more information on Rudy's and our other sponsors. Please stop and visit any one of our sponsors and let them know that you appreciate their sponsorship to our club

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Sargent at Arms: Sue Hickey.

Programs: Should members have any ideas for guest speakers or bike related topics to be presented at our meetings, please contact Vince Gatto.

Safety Chairman: No report.

Mountain Bike Coordinator: Trails are "Yellow" – not really safe for riding

Website/Database Team: no report

Announcements: Publicity: Club members are encouraged to sign up for the CPR and First Aid training geared towards possible cycling accidents. You can register and pay for this course from our EBC website. The training will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Bank of Elmhurst in lieu of our next club meeting.

Tonight's Program: – Ginger Wheeler, Lombard resident and bicycling advocate will talk about the [East Branch DuPage River Trail](#), a long-planned, but never fully funded hike/bike trail that will connect the Great Western Trail to the Illinois Prairie Path, and then south to the Arboretum.

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Kim Messina, Club Secretary

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