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## Bike Rides 2010

Despite the rain and hot weather the April through October bicycle rides, put on by Julie and Bob Phillips this 2010 season, have been great fun for those who have participated.

The riding season started with a bike ride on the now completed LeMars City Trail. A few clouds and a slight Breeze (some may have called it a wind) made is ride in typical spring temperatures very enjoyable. The midway stop at the park for refreshments kept the biker's legs limber for the ride.

The South Sioux Bike Ride was enjoyed by the Ski Club members who participated. Everyone's bikes were in tune and the ride was good exercise but otherwise uneventful. A cold beer and authentic Mexican dinner made a great midway stop.

The Sioux Falls Trail, a favorite of the club, was a challenge this year, as the last 1/3 of it was mostly under water. The biker's made their way through the city streets back to the Falls Park starting point. Dinner and refreshments were enjoyed at Nuttys after the bike ride.

The Tour de Farm, in it's 20th year, started in Sac City and the club members rode their bikes 30 miles thru the country. The weather was perfect. A waffle breakfast at Lake View City Celebration, and cookies and pop in the park, were the resting stops. Bob had a flat and rode half of way on a Coast to Coast loaner bike. A terrific lunch was provided by the organizers.

RAGBRAI, 1/2 day, was completed by five of the riders and two hardy riders, Bob and Jean, made it the from Sioux City to Storm Lake! The weather was perfect. The town stops, a sea of bicycles, were fun. The beer, Margaritas, pie and steak sandwiches eased the riders sore muscles.

Next ride, August 22, is the Annual Poker Run in Sioux City. Always lots of prizes! Hope you can make it. Call Bob 712-301-9751 or Julie 712-301-9608 for information.

See all bike ride information on the next page.



**Don't miss these events**  
**Summer Bike Rides**  
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**Little Sioux Canoe Trip - September 5th**

**Chili Cook Off at Hubb's Crazy "H" Ranch**  
**TBA**

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## **2010 Bike Rides**

### **APRIL BIKE RIDE - LE MARS**

It's just a short trip to LeMars to take part in the first bike ride of the year. Sunday, April 25th, we will meet at the LeMars Golf Course Parking Lot at 3:30 PM. Coming from Sioux City on Hwy 75, turn East (right) at the stop light onto Hwy 3, Follow Highway 3 out past the hospital and turn left into the golf course parking. Take the first parking lot on the left. We will bike approximately 12 miles and then load up our bikes and have supper at the Lemars Pizza Ranch downtown on Highway 3.

### **MAY BIKE RIDE - SOUTH SIOUX CITY**

Sunday, May 16th, (date change!!!) we will cruise the scenic South Sioux City trail. We will meet at the South Sioux Boat Ramp parking lot at 3:30 p.m. We will get on the bikes & ride the trail around Crystal Cove, stopping at DeAnda's for supper at approximately 4:15. Anyone not riding is welcome to meet us there. After we have eaten our fill, we will ride back to the vehicles, for a total ride of 10 miles.

### **JUNE BIKE RIDE - SIOUX FALLS**

Sunday, June 27th, we will venture north to Sioux Falls, for a ride on the Big Sioux Bike Trail. We meet at the Quality Inn parking lot (On Hamilton Blvd. by I-29) at 11:00 a.m. and caravan up to Falls Park in Sioux Falls. We leave on the bikes from Falls Park at approximately 12:30 and make our way to Sertoma Park. After a rest and look around the park, we will continue on the trail around Sioux Falls Back to Falls Park, for a total ride of approximately 20 miles. Beverages and supper after ride - TBA

### **JULY BIKE RIDE - ADAMS NATURE PRESERVE**

Sunday, July 11 will be a bike ride at Adams nature Preserve at McCook Lake. We will meet at 3:00 pm out at Adams for an 8 mile ride on the trail. If it's a hot afternoon come out anyway -- its always cooler in the trees at Adams. Afterwards, dinner - TBA.

### **JULY BIKE RIDE - TOUR DE FARM**

Saturday, July 17 - 20th year bike ride, starting at Sac City, bike around the area for 30 miles and back to Sac City.

### **JULY BIKE RIDE - RAGBRAI**

Sunday - July 25th - One day of the Across Iowa Ride, starting in Sioux City and finishing in Storm Lake, Iowa. You will want to train for this ride of 60 to 70 miles.

### **AUGUST BIKE RIDE - POKER RUN!!!**

Join us for the 4th annual Poker Run Bike Ride on Sunday, August 22nd. Win a prize for the best poker hand. Other prizes also given. The Poker Run will begin at 3 pm in the Bev's on the River Parking area where you will receive the 1st card of your poker hand. The next four stops will be; (2) Riverside Park Log Cabin, (3) The Pavilion, (4) ElFredos (where we will eat and have a pitcher of beer - nonriders may join us there.) and (5) Jolly Rogers. At Jolly Rogers we will give out the prizes for the 3 best poker hands, and finish with a refreshment by the river. The ride, which we will take at a leisurely pace, is a total of 17 miles. Hope to see you there!

### **SEPTEMBER BIKE RIDE - YANKTON**

Lewis & Clark Lake at Yankton is the destination for our Sept. bike ride. We meet at the Quality Inn parking lot (On Hamilton Blvd. by I-29) at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 19th. We will caravan up to Yankton to the Aquarium on highway 52 where we will start our ride. After a scenic 10 mile ride along Lewis & Clark Lake it's on to Murdo's restaurant for happy hour & supper. Ice cream at Dairy Dock at the beginning of the trip.

### **OCTOBER BIKE RIDE - DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED CONSTRUCTION COULD CHANGE THIS RIDE**

Sunday, TBA, we start at Riverside Park at the parking lot of shelter #1. We will pull out of the parking at 3:30 pm for a ride along the Mighty Mo, past the Lewis & Clark Center, & the Riverboat. Midway, we will stop at Famous Daves for an early dinner. Non bikers can meet us at Famous Daves between 4:15 and 4:30. After dinner we will bicycle back to Riverside Park. It is an easy trip of approximately eight miles. Could be chilly so dress for the weather.