



RIDE LEADER ASSEMBLY

March 26, 2022

- Andy Katell, Rides Chair
- Christine Schopen, President
- Beverly Thornhill, Events Coordinator
- Ave Karel, Ride Leader
- Orrie Dinstein, Ride Leader
- Bruce Wells, Ride Leader and Webmaster



AGENDA

- Welcome/Agenda (Andy, Christine)
- Ride Statistics (Andy)
- Ride Level Coordinators (Andy)
- Website Updates (Christine, Bruce)
- Safety (Christine on behalf of Harvey Loeb)
- Weekly Ride Series (Andy)
- Events (Beverly)
- Breakouts (Ave, Bruce, Orrie)

Westchester Cycle Club's Purpose

Westchester Cycle Club provides organized rides and other cycling-related activities for our members and the community:

- To educate the public about bike safety
- To promote goodwill toward cyclists

Additional thoughts: Inclusiveness, good communication



2021 At-a-Glance

- 1305 rides (2020: 967 rides; 2019: 969 rides)
- 51100 miles (2020: 38323 miles)
- Average 6.6 riders (2020: 6.3; 2019: 8.7)
- Top 5 start locations:
 - Glenville
 - Armonk
 - Goldens Bridge
 - Bedford
 - Katonah
- Note: WCC rides were suspended from March-June 2020. Also, Virtual rides were added.



Ride Level Coordinators

Gary Strebel	A
Anil Malhotra	B+
Rich Gluck	B
Ave Karel	C+
Harvey Loeb	C
Brian Jusczyk	D
Laura Kelly	M
Deb Ramsey	HP
James Keeley	V
Brian Jusczyk	O



WEBSITE UPDATES

Christine
Bruce



Website Updates

- RWGPS elevations – Website averages reported elevations to improve accuracy -- **update actual elevation on each ride**
- Ride texting
- Rider profile photos
- Ride Schedule filter added
- Reset password via text
- Ride posting cut-off time for volunteer points
- Ride notifications now journal-only
- Cloning ride also clones RWGPS route
- Tracking late ride signup cancellations for abuse



SAFETY ON CLUB RIDES

- ACCURACY OF PLANNED ROUTE

- Cue sheet should match RWGPS route and route actually to be ridden. All riders must be made aware of any deviation
- Changes/discrepancies need to be decided and communicated by the ride leader only

- PREDICTABILITY AND COMMUNICATION

- Keeping a straight line
- Staying to the right as much as possible
- Don't pass on the right
- Calling out/pointing out obstacles

- PUBLIC URINATION



WEEKLY RIDE SERIES

Andy



Weekly Ride Series

- **Wednesday Fling** “B” or other – Greenwich, dinner at Griff golf course. Starting TBD (Rich Gluck)
- **Tuesday Whip N’ Gag** “B+” Starting April – Glenville (Anil Malhotra)
- **Monday nights**. All level unaffiliated - White Plains. Starting TBD (Mark Laloo)
- **Tuesday-Thursday Night Training**. “A” Unaffiliated. Already started – White Plains (Bruce Wells)
- **Beat the Heat** - Early Sat.-Sun. Starting June. (Candi O’Brien)
- **Orientations** - Monthly, weekends. SUNY Purchase (Brian Juszcyk)
- **Trainings** - “D” Monthly. May-September. (Ellen Katz)

New Member Orientation Rides

- Volunteer opportunity
- For new club members
- Weekends once/month during peak season
- Discussion about the club, rides, social activities, etc.
- Handouts
- Ride SUNY Purchase loop road
- Supplemental ride in Greenwich/Purchase

HELP NEEDED! SEE BRIAN JUSZCYK



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Beverly



Events/Special Rides

- TBD – Daffodil Rides
- May 14 – Tush Tuneup
- May 26 – Martha's Vineyard weekend
- May 30 – Memorial Day Pot Luck and Rides
- July 4 – Independence Day Pot Luck and Rides
- Aug. 4-7 – Montreal-Lake Champlain Weekend & Rides
- Sept. 5 – Labor Day Pot Luck and Rides
- Sept. 24 – Seacoast Century



North Fork Century

- Glen Goldstein's annual LI ride
- Multiple Distances
- May 21, 2022
- Starts at Orient Beach State Park
- Four free passes for WCC members.
- Offer open only to first-time riders
- Must commit to ride
- Who wants them? Contact Andy Katell



BREAKOUTS

**Newer/Prospective Ride Leaders:
Ave Karel**

**Experienced Ride Leaders:
Discussion about Proposed New Ride Categories:
Orrie Dinstein and Bruce Wells**



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GREAT WORK
AS RIDE LEADERS

You are the heart and the backbone
of the club



Breakout – Proposed New Ride Designations

- **Issue**: Ride categories specify speed range but riders who want to deviate also need to change ride category, creating mismatch between riding style and target pace
- **Proposed solution**: Decouple ride category and speed. Leaders select style and target speed. Example: C-style ride but due to the easy terrain, pace averages 15 mph (C+/B-). Plus and minus nomenclature is eliminated. Target speeds rounded to whole numbers

Two-Level System

- **Ride Level:** A, B, C, D, HP/G and M indicate style and expected skillset, typical maximum ride length, break frequency, regrouping policy and terrain
- **Average Speed:** Target average speed considers amount of climbing, weather, number of turns that can reduce speed, and other riding conditions

Examples

- A/19
- B/15
- C/12