

Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition Monthly Social Meeting

Time: 7:30-9:00

Place: Basement lounge of Clementine Cafe (Downtown Harrisonburg, Va)

Group Rides: We have many and they are very popular (you should try one)

- Jack encourages people to try the Thursday ride because it is friendly and a good workout
- Sunday road rides are now leaving at 8am to beat the heat

Events – Recaps & Upcoming

- **-Hoo-Ha:** SVBC did tons of work with trail work, especially short track course and brushing on the XXC course
 - Pizza fundraiser: made about \$250 by selling pizza and it was EASY!
 - Massanutten will donate \$2 per racer to the SVBC in recognition of trail work efforts
 - SVBC had a hospitality tent where our people could hang out and had a few kegs
 - Race is getting big again
- **Tour de Burg:** 16th year
 - 33 GC riders
 - Not really a fundraiser but it made about \$1000 for the SVBC
 - Fun low key event and brought people in from out of town to enjoy the riding
 - Marshall wants us all to know that the store in Wardonsville sells rattlesnake skins (Thomas interjected that the tour did not actually go to Wardonsville, but Marshall got lost)
- **2010 City of Harrisonburg Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**
 - Will go through City council twice
 - The plan will be passed but we need to pack the room in a respectful manner to show them that we support the plan and need implementation on the ground
 - City is getting better: Main St will have bike lanes from Port road to Cantrell
 - Pizza and drinks will be provided at 6:00 in the green space behind SBC
 - Early agenda item for the city council so should be able to get out quick
 - Roughly 100 people showed up last time in 2005 and City Council members still talk about it (especially since this is an election year)
 - 3-4 folks will say something relating to the issue during public comments at the microphone
 - We will be at the council meeting to support and encourage them to keep up the good work
- **Fundfest Concert**

- We provide volunteers for the event and get to split the proceeds with all the other groups who run the fundfest for the entire summer
- We need roughly 20 volunteers to help out with set up food and clean up
- Currently we have around 18 people and they ask for 25
- This should be a \$800-\$1200 fundraiser for the club (Easy Money)
- **OCP's Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Festival**
 - Not our event but we help out every year with route markings and ride leaders
 - We need volunteers to help with Marking the course (Marshall is the man to see and he has a plan, oh goody)
 - Marcia is the one to talk to if you want to volunteer to help with leading a ride
 - Diverse group of people come out for the community to do this event (who we do not usually see out and about on bikes)
- **Shenandoah Valley Century (Sunday, Sept 12)**
 - Our oldest and largest event
 - Art has put on the event every single year
 - Planning has been underway for months
 - Put on your calendar to help out day of or just simply ride and have fun
- **DR100 Ride**
 - SVBC will help mark the course for the ride
 - Everyone is encouraged to ride and support the cause (In memory of Dr. Meranda who was killed on Port Republic road)
 - Event is focusing on Bicycle safety and awareness for motorists (working with VDOT)
- **Trail Work!!**
 - We need leaders each Saturday in the fall for the Six Pak trail work days
 - Step up to help at Hillendale or in the GW
- **Shenandoah Mountain 100**
 - Jake is spearheading the volunteer efforts for the race
 - SMT is looking to organize the volunteers in a similar manner to Thomas' structure for the festival
 - SMT will hold a meeting in the nation of Chrisscotistan at a date to be determined to set up volunteer committees
- **DCR Grant**
 - First project is on the ground: Road to trails conversion on Narrowback
 - We need many more matching trail work hours to fulfill our end of the grant. When Saturday trail work days begin in the end of August we will focus on those trails that apply to the grant

- The Narrowback project is looking good but it was very dry out there when the work was done, we may need another day of trail work
- **Shenandoah Mountain Bike Festival**
 - Planning has started early this year
 - Key People are stepping up to be festival coordinators (Will be point person for every aspect of the festival)
 - As we get closer we will be looking for more and more volunteers for smaller, more specific jobs
 - Key position that we still need is a volunteer coordinator to oversee all the volunteers
 - Next planning meeting is next Wednesday 7:45 (7/21) in Thomas' backyard
 - Contact Thomas if you plan on attending or simply want to be on the email list to see the planning process
- **Big thanks to Jack B. for getting a laptop for the club**
- **Mark Veerman: Focus on Social aspect of the club**
 - He now has a twitter and flickr account for the club where we can share and interact more
 - Current online discussions are dead with little response from SVBC members
 - We are lacking in our coverage of trails and riding directions
 - Mark wants volunteers to help with some of the social aspects of the club, contact Mark Veerman if you want to help
- **NEXT MEETING: August 9th (Monday)**

Thanks to Kyle Lawrence for secretarial duties!