



SPOKE FOLK BICYCLE CLUB

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TOPICS THIS MONTH

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NEW YEAR'S RIDE & JANUARY MEETING

The traditional Spoke Folk New Year's Ride members met at the North Hy Vee cafeteria on New Year's Day. Despite snow flurries, temperatures in the teens, and snow-packed roads, two members, Josh Gettings and Don Pettengill actually arrived on bicycles. The rest of us had hot cocoa and dreamed of warmer days. Attending the January meeting were: Josh Gettings, Verne Kelderman, Eve Schindler, Don Pettengill, Billy Young, Fred Schindler, Joel Abrams, and Marsha Parker (sorry only Marsha's ear is in the picture).



FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING DATE

The February Spoke Folk club meeting date will be Wednesday, February 3, 7PM at North Hy-Vee. Note that this is a change from the second Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday.

NEW TREASURER

Lynda Field has agreed to be the new treasurer for **Spoke Folk**. A sincere THANK YOU from the club to Karen Wertheim for her many years of service as Treasurer, and also to Lynda for assuming the role!

TRAILS COUNCIL REPRESENTATION:

Billy Young proposed that one of the Spoke Folk officers attend the Trails Council meetings, 5:30-6:30 the last Tuesday of each month. He especially hopes that the Spoke Folk and SIC bicycle clubs will assist the county in labeling bike routes to continue to make Ottumwa a more bike-friendly community. Josh Gettings, Don Pettengill, and Billy Young will share the responsibility of attending Trails Council Meetings and reporting to Spoke Folk in 2010.

EAGLE WALK

The fourth annual Eagle Walk will be Jan. 9 at Bridge View Center in Ottumwa. The actual walk will begin at 8:45 with Hotel Ottumwa and HyVee furnishing hot chocolate and cookies. Other events will continue through the day, including a powerpoint presentation on wolves by Jim Barton, a live eagle and falcon in addition to 20 different booths. Call **Spoke Folk** (and Wapello Co. Trails Council) member Billy Young at 641 226 0248 for more information. Spoke Folk will have a table inside Bridgeview throughout the day, so stop in and visit your club!



RAGBRAI IMPORTANT DATES, FORMS AND INFO

RAGBRAI XXXVIII is upon us! This year's route will be announced at the end of January, though you can sign up right away.

Here's what you will need to be registered for RAGBRAI:

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO SPOKE FOLK BY FEBRUARY 24th DEADLINE

1. Spoke Folk 2010 club membership application – included with this newsletter and available on the club website (www.spokefolkbike.com)
2. RAGBRAI waiver -included with this newsletter, and available on the club website (www.spokefolkbike.com)
3. Spoke Folk RAGBRAI rider form (bus and gear service) -included with this newsletter, and available on the club website (www.spokefolkbike.com)
4. Submit the above forms along with applicable fees to **Spoke Folk** by the Feb. 24th deadline. Make checks payable to **Spoke Folk**.
5. Register online on RAGBRAI's official website (www.ragbrai.com) –See below:

RAGBRAI XXXVIII ONLINE REGISTRATION AND INFO

All participating Club members must be registered through RAGBRAI's official online registration system. Go to their website (www.ragbrai.com), click on "Registration/Entries" on the left-hand side of the page, then click on "Complete an entry form online", then follow the steps to login and register. Spoke Folk's club registration ID number is 0076. If you register through the website, but have not submitted a Club membership application (see above) and the appropriate sign up forms and fees (see below) by the deadline, your online registration will be deleted from the system.

THE ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR SPOKE FOLK CLUB MEMBERS IS MARCH 1st, HOWEVER ALL REGISTRATION FORMS AND APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLUB BY FEBRUARY 24th so that we can mail them to RAGBRAI by March 1st.

If you have any questions about registering online, or if you do not have online/internet access, please contact Josh at 641-682-0630 and he will help you get registered.

If you miss the Feb. 24th Club registration deadline, you still have an opportunity to participate in RAGBRAI, but will have to register as an individual rider to be eligible for selection in the "lottery", results of which will be known as of May 1st.

MAKE ALL CHECK PAYMENTS PAYABLE TO “SPOKE FOLK”.

ALL “official” RAGBRAI fees (week-long and/or daily rider fees, souvenir pack fees, merchandise, etc.), **AND** the Spoke Folk annual membership fees, **MUST** be paid in full by the **Feb. 24th deadline**. The remaining Spoke Folk rider fees (for bus and gear service) may also be paid by Feb. 24th, or you may choose to delay this payment to no later than June 1st .

REFUNDS

Official RAGBRAI fees (paid to Spoke Folk) are nonrefundable after June 1st. A \$35 processing fee per applicant is deducted for refunds prior to June 1. No refunds will be made after June 1.