

Internship - Engineering Chicago Bikeways

Attn: currently enrolled engineering students, both graduate and undergraduate.

Deadline: Monday, September 27, 2010.

Help design Chicago's bike lanes! The City of Chicago will be establishing approximately 20 miles of new bike lanes and 10 miles of new marked shared lanes over the next two years. Help design these bikeways and upgrade existing ones.

Work will be carried out at the Chicago Department of Transportation's downtown offices and in the field throughout Chicago.

For complete details, visit thechainlink.org/forum/topics/internship-engineering

DID YOU KNOW...



...if each person on the Plaza donated one dollar tonight, The Derailleur would no longer be in debt!

If you are unable to donate tonight, please send a donation when you can to:

The Derailleur
c/o Willow Naeco
8005 Edgewater Rd. #206
North Riverside, IL 60546

You can also make a PayPal gift donation to:
TheDerailleur@gmail.com

Thanks in advance, and to those who regularly donate, thanks again!

If you donate any amount to The Derailleur, you are entitled to receive a Chicago Critical Mass or another bike-related 1-1/4" pin-back button of your choice as a thank you reward.



THE LAST OF THE SUMMER TWEED RIDES

October 3, 2010 from 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
starting at 711 Des Plaines Ave. in Forest Park. RSVP: thechainlink.org/events/the-last-of-the-summer-tweed

Day of ride
contact: 773-278-5669

What do I wear? Usually for this cyclist, that means whatever happens to be comfortable and halfway clean, but since I was attending my first Tweed Ride, this required a little more thought. After perusing area thrift stores, I settled upon an outfit and rode out on my three-speed-steed and met up with the gang for the Cozy Hearth Tweed Ride. Our meeting point was Jack's Bar and Grill, the first of many fireplace-featuring establishments, where dozens of ladies and gentlemen were holding court. The gamut ran wide, there were those in three piece suits, others who dressed up jeans, and still others in full-length skirts with a plethora of accessories like scarves, canes, and even aviator glasses. Once we set out on that chilly, but sunny afternoon, we seized the day. Our pedals twirled, our bells rang, and we showed the city some style. -Jami (BalloonBiker.com)



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Hey! Critical Mass is **NOT** a race. Please keep a slow (parade) pace so people hauling sound systems and families with small children can keep up. Thank you for your cooperation!

Don't Let Bike Fall Get You Down!

The days are getting shorter and the temps will be fluttering down like crunchy leaves, but that's no excuse to stop riding. In fact, if you can survive

the crazy variability of Bike Fall, riding through the winter will be a breeze.

Tips for October:

- Always carry a pair of thin gloves and ear covering for those post-sunset, windy temperature plummets.
- Carry rain gear and/or install fenders (summer showers are charming; autumn showers can be bone-chilling).
- Get some rear and front blinky lights.
- Visit bikewinter.org for tips and information on upcoming classes and events.
- Ride in Chicago's Critical Mass, a fun, free bike ride on the last Friday of every month, which leaves from Daley Plaza at 6 p.m. We'll be passing out free gaiters (fleece ear and neck coverings) at the October ride.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ON TWO WHEELS IN JANUARY!

-Gin Kilgore

And the winner is...



Marne Provost's design won the sticker contest for Bike Winter 2010. Congratulations to Marne and thank you to everyone who submitted a design and/or voted!

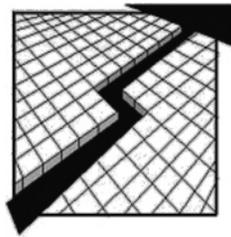
SOME BAD NEWS AND SOME GOOD NEWS



Ezra Caldwell, the bad-ass New York cyclist who rode his assless bike to and from chemo treatments to kick colorectal cancer's ass, has had a reoccurrence of cancer. He is coming to terms with getting a colostomy bag and encourages his readers to submit tattoo designs for the area around the stoma. His cancer story can be read here: fastboycycles.com/teachingcancertocry and his life in photographs can be followed here: flickr.com/photos/fastboy

Joseph Zmuda, the local cyclist who has dealt with a non-cancerous skull-base tumor since 2007, continues to recover. He received some great news in June: there is no tumor for the first time since 2007 so he won't need to get an MRI to see if the tumor came back until 2013!

Thank you to everyone who has sent Ezra and Joseph well wishes and to those who have asked about their current health. Your support really helps! —willow



Join Break The Gridlock's Board of Directors

Break The Gridlock is continuing to grow and expand upon and evolve its mission to promote Appropriate Transportation by supporting activists engaged in reducing "car culture".

Break The Gridlock has always been a hands-on affair and welcomes those who want to get busy and pitch in and get things going on a grassroots level. Everyone who is passionate about a vision of a Chicago where fewer people drive and is willing to help organize people to realize this vision should consider joining BTG in a leadership role. Of course, this is not the only way to help! Get involved with one of our member organizations. Start a grassroots campaign for positive change in your community. Lead by example and show others how life is easier without a car. These are all ways which we can be the change we seek. The next elections to the Board of Directors will take place at Break The Gridlock's Board of Directors meeting on October, 20th 2010. All board members must be dues-paying individual members of Break The Gridlock to be considered for board membership. Individual members that are interested in joining the Board of Directors should submit answers to the questionnaire below. Applications can be mailed or e-mailed. **Prospective applicants should submit their responses by end-of-day Wednesday, October 13th.** If you need any assistance or have any questions, please contact us at info@breakthegridlock.org Please pass this along to anyone you think might be appropriate. For Break The Gridlock to continue to grow, we need to expand our reach into other communities, other groups, and so on to come up with new and exciting ways to spread the vision of a better Chicago. 1. Name; 2. Contact information (mailing address, e-mail, phone); 3. Will you be at least 18 years old by 10/13/2010?; 4. Briefly describe your current transportation habits. For example, are you car-free, relying on a mix of other modes? What's your main form of transportation? Do you own a car, but use it occasionally?; 5. Briefly describe any prior experiences working to promote appropriate transportation in Chicago; 6. Briefly explain what you hope to bring to the Break The Gridlock board during the upcoming one-year term. For example, what are your goals and ideas for improving Break The Gridlock? What projects would you like to tackle? What resources can you bring to the organization?

**Break The Gridlock
2425 N. Albany Ave.
Chicago, IL 60647**



Bicycles and the Arts

October 1, 2010 8 p.m. at Happy Dog Gallery (1542 N. Milwaukee Ave., 2nd floor). You are invited to attend Bicycles and the Arts, a multidisciplinary performance event that creatively explores connections between bicycles and the arts. This

event, which is part of the 5th Annual Chicago Calling Arts Festival and Chicago Artists Month, includes a show called Wheels on the Ground and in the Sky, with 2D and 3D artworks by Andy Delarosa, Alpha Bruton, John Bambino, Janina Ciezadlo, Regin Ingloria, Matt Weber, and other TBA artists; a performance by a musical ensemble including Derek Repsch (electronics), Jimmy Bennington (drums), Dan Godston (trumpet), and other TBA performers; a telematic/networked performance using Skype during which a musical ensemble in Chicago performs with an ensemble in Detroit (including Christopher Skebo, James Cornish, and other TBA individuals); John Greenfield reads an excerpt from his new book *Bars Across America: Drinking and Biking from Coast to Coast*; a performance that pays homage to Frank Zappa's 1963 appearance on The Steve Allen Show – when Zappa taught Allen how to play a bicycle and the Steve Allen Orchestra performed with the musical bicycles; a project which pays homage to Jean Tinguely's Homage to New York (1960); other TBA activities. \$7 suggested donation, all ages and open to the public. More information: Dan Godston info@borderbend.org or chicagoartistsresource.org/music/node/28762 or 312-380-9223.



Tour of the 32nd Ward with Alderman Waguespack

October 2, 2010 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. starting at Kathy's Back Yard (1113 W. Webster Ave., enter via Clifton or Seminary). Contact Kathy Schubert at 773-248-5499 or kangarookathy@yahoo.com to RSVP. Event details: Bike with Alderman Scott Waguespack of the 32nd Ward for 20 miles at 10-12 mph. We will tour interesting sights of the 32nd Ward, which includes Bucktown, Wicker Park, Lincoln Park, West Lakeview, Roscoe Village, and more. Stops at a sculpture near DePaul, a state-of-the-art energy saving home, recycling facilities on Goose Island*, Chicago Canine Rescue, an artistic fence, and much more. The ride leader requests that all riders please wear a helmet. Please RSVP so we'll know you're coming. Sponsored by Chicago Cycling Club & 32nd Ward. *Bring some chemical or electronic recycling.