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"The bicycle is the most efficient machine ever created: Converting calories into gas, a bicycle gets the equivalent of three thousand miles per gallon." ~Bill Strickland.

THIS MONTH in the "We're Thankful for Bicycles," Issue –

ANNOUNCING THE BIKE WISCONSIN® ROUTES FOR 2010

GRABAAWR® --- June 19th – 26TH

GReat **A**nual **B**icycle **A**dventure **A**long the **W**isconsin **R**iver.

Celebrating our 25th year! Don't worry...we'll have a tasty celebration cake. GRABAAWR® starts at the head-waters of the magnificent Wisconsin River near the upper Michigan border. As is tradition, the ride will follow the 427-mile course of the river as it flows out of the northwoods, turns through the central sand counties of America's Dairyland, and finally joins the mighty Mississippi River in the driftless southwest corner of the state. The ride kicks off in **Eagle River** where sky blue waters abound. Riders will overnight in the friendly towns of **Tomahawk, Merrill, Stevens Point, Adams-Friendship**, and scenic **Baraboo**. At that point, we turn and follow the river west through **Richland Center**, and finish in historic **Prairie du Chien**. Along the route there will be plenty of hills, thrills, a century option, great side trips, roadside attractions, food, fun, old and new friends. Come enjoy the beauty of the river and its river towns, spectacular scenery, generous communities, swimming holes, healthy exercise, and great people. GRABAAWR® is a bicycle experience like no other! For more info on the tour or to sign up go to <http://www.bikewisconsin.com/Grabaawr/index.html>

BIKE NORTHWOODS TOUR --- July 10th – 16th **NEW LOOP ROUTE!**

Celebrate our 12th year! The 2009 loop was so well received we are doing another one!

The Bike Northwoods tour will roll out of the quaint northwest Wisconsin burg of **St. Croix Falls** – gateway to the spectacular St. Croix River valley. Come early and check out the Dalles at Interstate Park and Taylors Falls, Minnesota. Cyclists will continue through the overnight towns of **Turtle Lake, Rice Lake and Spooner**. At **Hayward**, home of the Fresh Water Fishing hall of fame, special surprises await us. From there we turn back through the quaint village and **Siren** before closing our ride back in **St. Croix Falls**. Along the way we'll enjoy hidden valleys, blue lakes, great side trips, friendly villages, roadside attractions, first class fun, fantastic food, and friends. Come enjoy a smaller tour with great staff and tons of fun! For more info on the tour or to sign up go to <http://www.bikewisconsin.com/BNT/index.html>

SAGBRAW® --- July 31st --- **FIRST EVER LOOP TOUR FOR SAGBRAW® AND NEW SCHOOLS!**

Celebrate the 33rd year for **Schramm's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Around Wisconsin**.

SAGBRAW®, It's the Granddaddy of all WI Tours and Wisconsin's oldest cross-state bicycle tour. Join us as we cycle some of the most picturesque, bicycle-friendly terrain in the state. This family-oriented, fully-supported cycle tour has enough fun and adventure to last a lifetime. The 2010 route will kick off in **Columbus** – which recently made a name for itself as a gangster film location. From there we head east through the overnight towns of **Waupun, Plymouth and Mishicot**. Riders will then turn back west, with stops in the Fox Valley town of **Appleton** and then on to scenic **Green Lake**, before returning to **Columbus**. Fun times abound around every bend! Expect gentle terrain, spectacular vistas, friendly folks, great side trips and roadside attractions, fabulous food, fun, memories, and new friends. Not as strenuous as our other WI tours, SAGBRAW® is jam-packed with the same fabulous sights and first class service that you'd expect from our staff and volunteers. For more info on the tour or to signup go to <http://www.bikewisconsin.com/Sagbraw/index.html>

HERE'S A LIST OF WHAT'S NEW AND CONTINUING FOR THE 2010 TOURING SEASON

Shower Truck - hot showers for everyone everyday!
Continuation of the Senior Discount and Youth Tour Fee
No increases in meal plan and Rider Services prices
Continued Free Town Shuttle busses & more Porta Potties
Increased community involvement and fun
Better use of Communications Bus and SAG's to aid in faster emergency response time
Bike Wisconsin® is now an official Travel Green business

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration is now open for GRABAAWR®, the Bike Northwoods Tour and SAGBRAW®! Sign up now for the lowest prices of the year. Early Bird Discount ends November 30, don't miss out. To register go to: www.bikewisconsin.com

BICYCLES... CAMERAS... ACTION!

Bike Wisconsin® is in the Movies!

This summer, staff videographer, Mar-Kee, captured riders in action, their words, and other crazy antics on tape. Video from GRABAAWR® and Bike Northwoods are now live on line. Stop by the Bike Wisconsin® Channel and see what's rolling. If you don't see your tour yet, bookmark the page and stop back soon. We should have videos from all three rides and more in the next few weeks. <http://www.bikewisconsin.com/Video/index.html>

SOME NEW AND IMPORTANT BIKE WISCONSIN® FUN LINKS

Check out the new Bike Wisconsin® Blog (read all about it!)

<http://www.bikewisconsin.com/BWBlog/index.html>

The new improved Bike Wisconsin® Forum (stop by, contribute, and be part of the community)

<http://www.bikewisconsinforum.com>

Bike Wisconsin® Tour Facebook Pages (become a FAN!)

GRABAAWR®

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Madison-WI/GRABAAWR/121879043365?ref=ts>

Bike Northwoods

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bike-Northwoods/123425594925?v=wall&ref=ts>

SAGBRAW®

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Madison-WI/SAGBRAW/123494207028?v=wall&ref=ts>

BEST OF 2009

Congratulations to the Best Overnight Town and Best Rest Stop winners for 2009!

GRABAAWR® Best Overnight Town: Hurley

GRABAAWR® Best Rest Stop: Mosinee

Bike Northwoods Tour Best Overnight Town: Port Wing

Bike Northwoods Tour Best Rest Stop: Cornucopia

SAGBRAW® Best Overnight Town: Kewaunee

SAGBRAW® Best Rest Stop: Mishicot

Each winner received a cool bike rack! Thanks to all the participants who voted. Check out the photos at <http://www.bikewisconsin.com/Main/awards.html>

TOUR PHOTOS 2009

We've finally complied and posted some great photos from 2009. Check them out...

GRABAAWR® http://www.bikewisconsin.com/Images/GRABAAWR_09_gallery/index.htm

Bike Northwoods tour http://www.bikewisconsin.com/Images/BNT_09_gallery/index.htm

SAGBRAW® http://www.bikewisconsin.com/Images/SAGBRAW_09_gallery/index.htm

See you on tour in 2010!

Happy Cycling from everyone at Bike Wisconsin®!

Hope everyone got out to enjoy the FABULOUS colors this fall.

Questions or comments are always encouraged at info@bikewisconsin.com

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