



Johnson County Bicycle Club's Annual Banquet Saturday, Feb 7th, 2009



7201 W. 91st Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66212, 913-642-0101
(91st St. & Metcalf Dr.)

Social hour begins at 6pm. 6:30 we eat!

Door prizes and raffles will be held after the meal.

We have reservations for 80 only! Please remit payment ASAP to insure your seat!

Join all your Johnson County Bicycling friends for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Dinner will be a "Tour of Italy" buffet that caters to the vegetarian and meat-lover alike.

Drinks and desserts are included
(excluding alcohol)!

If you have questions about the event,
email or call:

Rich Davis
816-225-8559

richdavis@rich-davis.com

\$20.00 per person

Fill out the registration form below and
mail to:

JCBC Banquet
5508 W. 70th St.
Prairie Village, KS 66208
(Postmark no later than Mon, February
2nd).

Make checks out to JCBC.

Or register online!

www.jcbikeclub.org/2009banquet

Detach here and mail

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Number attending: _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____ (please enclose check)

Email: _____

SEE NEXT TWO PAGES FOR MORE INFO

Vote on our 2009 officers & directors

The Johnson County Bicycle Club needs **YOU!** About this time each year the JCBC Board of Directors prepares a ballot (see below) for the annual banquet in which our membership votes for another round of board members for the next calendar year.

Right now, our nominating committee is campaigning hard to find those who might be interested in joining the board. We hope that person will be you! JCBC's board consists of like-minded individuals who share a passion for our cycling community and a commitment to its future. While we appreciate the loyalty of our existing board members, who sometimes choose to run for multiple terms, it is just as important to make room for new faces and ideas.

Have you ever attended one of our pay rides and thought you could run it better? Have you ever read an article about a cycling advocacy issue you felt needed a greater, more passionate voice? If you think of yourself as a critical thinker and often find yourself in leadership roles wherever you go, you will definitely enjoy being on the board!

And you don't have to be "great" to join. Board participation comes in many forms, large and small. That's why we also have At-Large positions that allow you to ease your way in. These board members contribute by exploiting their specific (sometimes professional) skills or talents in things like journalism, computer/website management, communications, product production, marketing... there's no limit to what you can contribute or achieve! Community service looks good on any resume!

Don't sit on the sidelines another year! The time to give back for all that you've enjoyed from the club is NOW!

The sample 2009 ballot below shows the names of who have been currently nominated for each position. The blank spaces under that column indicate positions that have yet to be claimed, OR you may nominate yourself for a position that HAS been claimed. Our current nominees are flexible and are willing to move, or compete in the spirit of democracy!

For more information on any board position, please feel free to contact any of our board members who currently hold that position - go to our website at www.jcbikeclub.org and click CONTACT US on the top menu.

Official ballots will be available at the banquet. You must be present to vote. If you chose not to purchase a dinner at the banquet, but still wish to cast your vote, please see the people at the ticket booth between 6-6:30pm to get your ballot. Please bring your JCBC ID card to prove your membership, because only members can vote!

See you there!

SAMPLE BALLOT

Board Position	Place your vote by stating a current nominee's name in the blanks below	Current nominees for each position		
President:	_____	Maggi Hacker	or	_____
Vice Pres:	_____	Ken Cobb	or	_____
Treasurer:	_____	Kent Fulton	or	_____
Secretary:	_____	Jan Hudzicki	or	_____
Co-advocacy:	_____	Dale Crawford	or	_____
Co-advocacy:	_____	_____	or	_____
Marketing:	_____	Fred Wohlgemuth	or	_____
Newsletter:	_____	Maury Brown	or	_____
Website:	_____	Jim Coggins	or	_____
Membership:	_____	_____	or	_____
Tour Director:	_____	_____	or	_____
At Large:	_____	Doug Stone	or	_____
At Large:	_____	_____	or	_____
At Large:	_____	_____	or	_____

Vote on our new bylaws

Members,

We need your vote on a new set of bylaws. Some revisions were necessary to modernize some outdated language and to make normal business easier to conduct for the board and our membership. Please review these new bylaws between now and the banquet. There will be some time set aside at the banquet for discussion of these new bylaws before the official vote takes place.

View it online here:

www.jcbikeclub.org/newbylaws

If you are unable to get online but plan on voting on these bylaws, please contact the name below and a paper version will be sent thru USPS mail for your review: Jim Coggins 816-721-6524.

Please note:

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Discuss the formation of a new metro-wide bicycle club out of the JCBC and the KCBC

There will be a brief discussion of this issue at the banquet. Don't miss the chance to learn more about this important decision affecting the future of our club. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and make your suggestions.

Should the Johnson County Bicycle Club and the Kansas City Bicycle Club combine resources and form a new metro-wide bicycle club?

This is the question being considered by the respective boards of directors of the JCBC and the KCBC. The two largest metro area clubs are remarkably similar in terms of their activities and orientation. Recently, this orientation has turned increasingly toward bicycle advocacy, particularly as gas prices (*which will go back up*) have spiked public interest in alternatives to automotive transportation. A Kansas City Metro Area bicycle club would have the potential to be much larger than either the KCBC or the JCBC. A larger organization, which would represent cyclists across the Kansas City metro area, would have more resources and more clout when it comes to working with local and state officials to make the roads that we all ride, safer for bicyclists.

The discussions of forming a metro-wide club out of the JCBC and the KCBC are currently preliminary and exploratory. If the two clubs move forward with this, the process would be lengthy, and the membership of both clubs would be involved in the discussion and the decision.

At this time, the boards of directors of the JCBC and the KCBC have released the following statement:

The Boards of Directors for the Kansas City Bicycle Club and the Johnson County Bicycle Club are exploring the opportunities and challenges of forming a single, metropolitan- wide bicycle organization. Until the Boards have had an opportunity to evaluate and discuss the outcomes of this exploration, there is little news to pass on. As a member of either club, please be assured that the outcome of these exploratory discussions will be communicated to all members of both clubs. Additionally extensive feedback will be sought from all members of both clubs prior to any decision to move forward or to maintain the status quo.

What is at stake is the potential disbanding of our club in the forming of a new, larger club that would represent cyclists from the entire metro area. The membership of the JCBC is encouraged to discuss the relative merits of such a move. Would this benefit Johnson County cyclists? Would this benefit cycling across the Kansas City metro area? Can one large club offer the same benefits and number and quality of events as the two smaller clubs? These are some of the questions we need to be asking.