



Twin Cities Bicycling Club Fact Sheet

Club Purpose: To provide safe recreational bicycle rides for members in the Twin Cities area, and to encourage safe bicycling for everyone.

Number of members in 2009: 1650

Number of sponsored rides in 2009: 1999

Major annual club rides:

- **Polar Bear Ride:** Scheduled on January 1, it runs no matter the weather. The ride leaves from Sears on Rice Street in St. Paul, and travels down Summit Avenue to the Mississippi river and back. Participation in 2010: 25.
- **Watermelon Ride:** Held every July 4 since 1982, the Watermelon Ride starts at Deluxe Check in Shoreview and ends at Shoreview's Snail Lake Park with a picnic. It's a TCBC family-friendly event with three different route options: a 15-mile trail ride, and 30- and 50-mile road rides with three rest stops. The ride typically attracts about 500 bicyclists and is open to non-members, as are all club rides.
- **Weekend on Wheels:** Held since 1981, WOW is an annual 2-3 day event for TCBC members outside the metro area. The 2010 ride will be in Madison, WI. This event offers members ride options with varying degrees of difficulty and distances.
- **Halloween Ride:** A club favorite held the Saturday before Halloween. Members ride in colorful (and bike-safe) costumes on a 25-30 mile route, with a rest stop hosted by a club member. Awards are given for best costumes.
- **All-Club Rides:** Held on Memorial and Labor Day weekends, these are the largest single-day member rides we have. The last few years have seen record numbers of 150+ riders. The 2010 rides will held in both the eastern and western suburbs.

Club History: The TCBC was formed as a hostel club under the Minnesota Council of American Youth Hostels in 1993. In 2000, the club became an independent 501(c) non-profit corporation. The club has been training new leaders yearly (we have more than 160 leaders currently) and has been scheduling more than 1000 rides per year since 2003.

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