

**OCC News Brief 4-1-07 - Suggested Start Times Schedule - Tour De Ititalia!
Summer Club Cook out**

A Quick Note to Those Who Feel Neglected

Sorry, I'm not ignoring you. I have not been able to reply this week. I've been away from my PC as my mom is in the hospital. She is fine-ish now, don't worry, but she is still in there. That's why I haven't mailed. I'm way behind. Even this was to go out a week ago. I hope you understand. Thanks for your patience!
Brian

Michaelene Urban Is Organizing an Italian Bike Vacation:

Tentative dates: August 11-25

Flight: Fly Chicago to Tuscany

Tour Details: Stay in an authentic farmhouse in the heart of Tuscany
Rent bikes or bring your own. Travel and ride at your own pace and liking.

Base price: flight and apartment approx.: \$1600 per person

Act fast as we are ready to book!

Call Laura Giffin 231-0183 or Michaelene Urban 235-7447

War of the Worlds - Part II

Perhaps Orson Wells should have stated more clearly, and more often, that his live broadcast was only a work of fiction. Maybe I should have too! My recent story, "Parable of the Preventable Prophecy" was just that, a work of fiction. It was written as a humorous metaphor, as my attempt to hold you for more than 30 words. Jesus did this all the time in his parables. He was a very smart guy! Much of his work is still in print. Unfortunately, I'm no Jesus. I'm sorry. Please let me clarify things. There are no cycling tribes. There never was. No one is fighting. Everything is fine. It was only a story. I'm just trying to keep it that way. The story I wrote is not real, but my preemptive point of prevention still is. I just want that story to remain a work of fiction. Prophecies, by their very nature are always fictional, unless they come true. After that they're just prophetic. Peace!

Suggested Start Times for Evening Rides

Note: The suggested start times are based on sunset times to give riders about a 2 hour window from start to sunset - See Below.

Dates - Evening Rides Suggested Start Times Sunset Times Range Ride Window

March 15th to April 7th 5:00 PM 7:00 PM - 7:29 PM 2 to 2:29 hrs.

April 8th to April 30th 5:30 PM 7:30 PM - 7:57 PM 2 to 2:27 hrs.

May 1st to June 29^{th*} 6:00 PM 7:58 PM - 8:41 PM* 2 to 2:41*hrs.

June 30th to Aug 14th 6:00 PM 8:40 PM - 8:00 PM 2:40 to 2 hrs.

Aug. 15th to Aug 31st 6:00 PM 7:58 PM - 7:31 PM 2 to 1:31 hrs.

Sept. 1st to Sept 18th 5:30 PM 7:30 PM - 7:00 PM 2 to 1:30 hrs.

Sept 19th to Oct 4th 5:00 PM 6:59 PM - 6:30 PM 2 to 1:30 hrs.

Note: The above Ride Time Schedule is only a suggestion. It's intended to give people a 2 hour window and to keep you safe. But that's a little boring. I can't leave you with that can I?

Michaelene Urban Is Organizing Another Summer Party for the Bike Club

Tentative Date: Saturday June 16, 5pm

Place: Michaelene Urban's home on the lake

24 Lake St. Oshkosh WI

RSVP to Michaelene by phone 235-7447

Or e-mail urbanarte@aol.com

Yes We are Meeting! This Wednesday! April 4th! Fratello's! 6:30 PM!

Upper Dinning Area!

Discus: 1) OCC T-shirts - On Sale! 2) Buy-Laws - Price? 3) Membership Dues & Associate Memberships – Vote. 4) Ride Times and Calendar, Discussion. 5) Club Cook Out - Urban Affairs, June! 6) 2nd Omro Classic. 7) Nominate & Vote 4 - New Officers.

You're right, I can't leave you with that. I must tell you one last story. It's a historical prospective on just how all these ride times evolved in the first place, and why. It's called...

"How'd I End Up Alone in the Dark and Why is That Strange Man Approaching Me with a Family Sized Jar of Vaseline?" Subtitle: **"Is That A Gun in His Pocket...?"** Arthur Unknown

A long time ago there lived an ancient people called Druids. They invented beer and were very happy. They also studied the sun to guide their decisions on when to plant and harvest. This greatly enhanced their chance of survival. Amazingly, the Incas, Aztecs, and Mayas had the same technology. They were even more advanced. They invented the first calendars, and clocks. They could accurately predict the exact length of each day. They drank much tequila and had many children. They prospered for thousands of years. Then one day they all mysteriously disappeared. One theory is that Martians took them because they had become so advanced. As hard as it is to believe, it's a real theory. I have it on good authority. A very pretty Mayan Tour Guide just told me. Ancient Astronauts took the Mayans! Google it if you don't believe me.

Anyway, for a long time their technology was lost. Tragically, people began to wander off and disappear into the wilderness. They had no clear idea of time so they got caught in the dark and were eaten by bears. Except for the Chinese men who were spared, but that's another story.

Fortunately, the aliens didn't take all of these people. Some were left behind to preserve the ancient ways and save people from being caught after dark in the wilderness. They discreetly assimilated into the mainstream of various societies. Most of them became meteorologists, or shamans. I know what you're thinking but no, I'm not a shaman. I do happen to know many of them who work at the weather channel.com, however. That's where we cyclists can

now get information on sunset times, and average temps. This information used to be passed down by word of mouth, but since Al Gore invented the Internet it has become much easier.

Well, that's the story of how cyclist know when to change the ride times. Cyclists no longer have to worry about being caught in the dark, or eaten by bears, or strange men, ever again.

Have a great ride!

Brian

PS: Our buddy Jon Victor wants us to check out www.ckap.ca if you like to keep track of your miles. It's a Canadian based mileage achievement program to promote cycling and fitness. Check it out.

OCC Meeting Agenda - 4-4-07 - 6:30 PM - Fratello's

- 1) OCC T-shirts - Sale! Price? - Mr. Secretary of State - Ken Kubiak
- 2) 2) By-Laws - Discus Amendment that prevents conflicts of Interests
- 3) Financial Report - Madam Secretary of Treasury - Catherine Jean Clark
- 4) Membership Dues & Associate Memberships - Vote
- 5) Ride Times and Calendar, Discussion - Approve
- 6) Club Cook Out - Michaelene Urban, June 16th, Discus
- 7) 2nd Omro Classic - Committee - Planning
- 8) Nominate & Vote for New Officers.

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* Longest days of the year - June 22 - June 29 - * Sunset 8:41 PM.