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Martha's Vineyard Bicycle Chautauqua
October 14, 15 & 16, 2008

Registration Form

Name: _____

Club: _____

Office Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Departure Date: _____

Accommodations: _____

Rented Bike or your own?: _____

Please complete and send to:

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Most of you know that the Pre-Conference Bicycle Chautauquas organized by Gregg Paterson and Randy Delaney are a mainstay of the National Conference. Those that have participated know it is an extraordinary opportunity converse and reflect with fellow club managers. The great popularity of these events spurred the interest for additional "mini-chautauquas", the very first to be held on the beautiful Island of Martha's Vineyard.

Chautauquas were developed in the mid-nineteenth century as "mobile universities" that moved across America offering popular talks intended to bring insight and entertainment to rural America. The Bicycle Chautauqua has updated the concept by creating a reflective opportunity for working professionals to escape from the trenches; to bond and connect with ideas and people; and to think deeply about club management in a physically stimulating social setting.

Interspersed amongst three days of bicycling will be three formal two hour debriefs focusing on issues raised during the day's ride. Each debrief will be preceded and followed by hours of discussion during breaks, maintenance periods and dinner.

Martha's Vineyard is an island to the south of Cape Cod. It is often called just "the Vineyard". With a land area of 87.48 square miles, Martha's Vineyard is the 57th largest island in the United States. It is located in the U.S. state of Massachusetts, in Dukes County, which also includes Cuttyhunk and the other Elizabeth Islands, as well as the island of Nomans Land. The island is primarily known as a summer colony, and is accessible only by boat and by air.

October is a great time of year to enjoy the Vineyard. The last of the crowds have left at the finish of the Columbus Day Weekend, so you will be fortunate to enjoy the very beginning of the quiet "Off-Season".

There are six different towns on the Vineyard. The primary activities associated with the Chautauqua will be in the town of Edgartown. Edgartown has lodging, a good bike shop and perhaps most important, an excellent place for the customary debrief.

Rides will incorporate the many miles of bicycle trails that cover the island, as well as, some of the more remote sections (without bike trails). Both afford breathtaking views and scenery. In general, the island is relatively flat, but some sections on the western end are somewhat hilly. (Yes, there are even a couple of nice scrappy little climbs that are sure to excite the stud boys and girls.) Routes will be variable, allowing for different

levels of riders. In general, plan on 40 – 50 miles per day, but shorter and longer routes will be available. Those that are willing and able can go greater distances.

Regretfully, our mental and spiritual leader, Gregg Patterson, will not be able to make the trip from the west coast. Randy Delaney also has a schedule this fall that precludes him from participating. However, Gregg and Randy have been able to provide valuable insight and assistance in planning this event. We have also collaborated on a philosophical theme for this Chautauqua, which is certain to be pertinent and insightful for all participants.

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Issues	Comments
Making Arrangements	You are best advised to make your plans ASAP. I have tried to offer as much information as possible, but please don't hesitate to call or email me if you have a question. Keep in mind that the ride is based on the principle that the individual " <u>takes care of themselves</u> " and makes their own hotel arrangements, bike rental reservations, etc. We'll provide resources and point everyone in the right direction, but the rest is part of the "learning experience" and a simple matter for club managers.
Getting to Martha's Vineyard	Martha's Vineyard is an Island which lies 6 miles south of Cape Cod. There are no bridges, thus travel to and from the Island must be made via ferry or airline. This relatively minor inconvenience does require additional planning, but in essence, it helps "The Vineyard" maintain its unique charm.
The Ferry	The Steamship Authority provides passenger and vehicle transportation between Woods Hole and Martha's Vineyard. Schedule and fare information is available at: http://www.islandferry.com/ssa/mv.cfm . Bringing a car to Martha's Vineyard does require a reservation.
Flights	Flights are available on Cape Air from New Bedford, MA, Boston, MA (Logan Airport), Hyannis, MA, and Nantucket, MA to Martha's Vineyard. Cape Air is the only carrier that provides air service to Martha's Vineyard. For schedules and fare information you can go to www.flycapeair.com . Important Note: If you traditionally pack and bring your bike via airline, there is a great likelihood that your bike will NOT be able to fly with you on Cape Air. These are small airplanes (nicknamed

	<p>“Puddle-Jumpers” locally) and do not have the capacity to carry large bulky items. If you need to include flying in your travel plans, it is best advised to ship your bike to Martha’s Vineyard. Otherwise you would have to fly to either Boston and Providence and then bus to Woods Hole to connecting ferry service.</p>
Busses	<p>Regular bus service from Providence and Boston will connect with ferries in Woods Hole. This service is provided by Peter Pan Bus. Schedules and fare information can be found at www.peterpanbus.com. The bus stop in Wood Hole is at the Steamship Authority ferry terminal, so the transfer is literally across a small parking area. Be sure to check your bus arrival time and that it connects with a corresponding ferry leaving for Martha’s Vineyard.</p>
Bikes - Renting	<p>Edgartown Bicycles (212 Upper Main St., Edgartown MA 02539 www.edgartownbicycles.com) is a full service shop which caters to both cruisers and enthusiasts. This has been my personal bike shop for nearly 15 years and they have served me very well. They have an excellent selection of hybrid and road bikes (road bikes are Felt brand and are spec’ed with Ultegra/Dura Ace components and are available either alum/carbon or full carbon.) They also will receive shipped bikes and can repack/ship for the return home. Standard bikes rent for \$25 per day, Performance Road rent for \$50 per day and Premium Road are at \$80 per day. Call them at at 508 627-9008 and speak to Alan or Jason. You can also email Alan at edgartownbikes@gmail.com.</p>
Bikes - Shipping	<p>As is sometimes the practice, you may want to ship your bike to the Vineyard. Edgartown Bikes will receive and assemble bikes at their shop (call them for applicable charges) or you can have your bike shipped directly to your hotel (or West Chop Club as noted below)</p>
Cars	<p>If you are not bringing your car to the Island and you wish to have wheels while you are here, Hertz, Dollar and Budget all have fleets here. You can also try AA Island Auto Rental at 508 627-6800</p>
Rooms	<p>Rooms are available at the Edgartown Clarion Hotel (227 Upper Main St., Edgartown, MA 02557 www.clarionmv.com) at a discounted rate of \$149.95 per night, which includes a complimentary continental breakfast. This hotel is literally across the street from Edgartown Bicycles.</p> <p>Rooms are also available at the West Chop Club (162 Iroquois Ave. Vineyard Haven, MA 02569 www.westchopclubmv.com) (WCC). WCC is a private club located in the very charming and exclusive summer enclave of</p>

	West Chop on the north end of the town of Tisbury (Tisbury is sometimes referred to as Vineyard Haven). Rooms are at a special rate of \$100 per night and include a breakfast buffet. WCC is about 9 miles from the center of Edgartown, thus staying here might require having a car.
Books and Stuff for the “Classroom”	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I would suggest that each of you bring notepads, pens and pencils et al if you want to jot on anything 2. A small notepad and pen in your bicycle shirt for scratching thoughts during stops might be handy.
Camp Followers	Chautauquans are encouraged to bring spouses, significant others, children or the homeless along on the ride since a “rainbow coalition” is more interesting than the manager “tribe” alone.
Cell Phones	Encourage all to bring cell phones so that they can contact the others if the need arises for a ride or repairs. A “master list” of cell phone numbers will be assembled Tuesday morning, photocopied and given to each rider.
Money	Bring credit card or cash to pay for lunches, dinners, bike rentals and taxis.
Clothes...for the ride and dinners	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You should bring riding shorts and riding shirt, probably two pairs of each. Incidentally, bike clothes really do make a difference! 2. Miscellaneous other clothing as your riding style demands. Watch the weather – Martha’s Vineyard at this time of year can be warm, cool or rainy! 3. Dinner plans and/or club tours are still being determined, but it’s a safe bet that the “most dressy” we’ll need is business casual – collared shirts, pants and shoes.
Contacts	1. Bill Roman, Edgartown Yacht Club, eyc@vineyard.net 508 627-4361
Dates of the rides	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. October 14, 15 & 16, 2008 2. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Debrief	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will be a daily “Budweiser Debrief” each afternoon once the ride is over and all are showered (or not). 2. Anticipated location each afternoon: The Wharf Pub (Downtown Edgartown, a five minute walk from the Clarion Hotel and the start/stop point of each day’s ride)

Dinner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. We anticipate returning to the hotel after each ride, showering and changing, and meeting in the lobby to coordinate logistics for dinner. Additional information on dinner and/or club tours will be sent as soon as we know. 3. Expect to need nice, but casual attire – collared shirts, slacks and shoes. 4. Have cash/checks/credit cards available !!!!
Evaluation cards...mine.	<p>I will have an “end of the ride” evaluation card for all to fill out. Your comments will help guide the organization of the Mini-Chautauqua in future years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the ride 2. the organization 3. the hotel 4. the food 5. the meeting location 6. the seminars 7. Would you do it again
Expenses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bike rental—estimated \$75 - \$240 (see bicycles above) 2. Hotel—see above 3. Breakfast each day—if other than hotel/WCC above 4. Lunch/Beverages on the road each day--\$15-20 5. Dinner each day 6. <i>Bring checks (or cash) to pay since the Chautauquan treasurer doesn't take credit cards!!!</i>
Helmets	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring your own if bringing your own bike. 2. If renting, ask them to supply a helmet, but bringing your own is the safest bet.
Locks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bring your own if possible 2. If renting, ask the bike shop 3. consider keeping the bike in your room each night, depending on the parking lot/security situation at each hotel
Maps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More info on daily routes will be sent closer to the ride 2. Detailed maps of the area are available in most shops and stores on the Island
Meeting Location...first morning.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We'll be meeting <u>at 8:00 am</u> on Tuesday, October 14 at the Clarion Hotel

Registration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please register at: NECMA site TBD 2. It's important that you register to get education points.
Release forms	Release forms will be circulated and I'll have extras to hand out on the first day. We don't roll until the releases are signed.
Repairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will be the mechanic for the ride. As long as it's nothing major, there should be little I can't handle. Several chautauquans know how to repair a flat tire.
Routes	Detailed maps will be provided outlining the various routes for each day
Schedule...daily	<p>Breakfast (at your hotel/on your own)</p> <p>Group rendezvous</p> <p>Ride.</p> <p>Group lunch</p> <p>Ride.</p> <p>Freshen up.</p> <p>Debrief and Dinner</p>
Seminars (aka Debrief)	<p>Seminars will evolve out of the daily observations and issues of the ride and/or location</p> <p>All riders and "camp followers" will be expected to stand, give their story of the day, and provide insight into the "human condition" via their story. Fun stuff!</p>
Support Vehicle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We expect to have a "sag wagon" available – or at least "on call" for emergency pickups. 2. We don't think the support van will need to have snacks; we're almost always near shops. Having said that, I strongly recommend <u>keeping a water bottle</u> in the bottle-holder (if you have one) or <u>bringing a backpack</u> so you can carry an extra drink and snacks.

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