Celebrating 60 years….

and still riding strong!

A little history to celebrate LWA's 60th anniversary:

Our club was established in 1951 and has since been the Lehigh Valley's largest cycling organization with over 400 members strong. In 1967 LWA became incorporated in the State of PA and in 1993 became a not-for-profit 501 (c) 7 – Social club. LWA is a member of the League of American Cyclists and PA Cycling Organization.

Future Champions Cycling Club (FCCC) was founded in 1984 and has been instrumental in providing support to juniors involved in competitive road and track cycling. The Tour de FCCC, begun in 1994, attracts cyclists from the tri-state area as well as teams from as far away as Bermuda and many well-known professional racers participated. Tour de FCCC, is a junior stage race for cyclists ages 10 through 18. The 'Tour' consists of a road race and time trial at the Pagoda in Reading, PA, followed by a criterium at the Rodale Cycling and Fitness Park in Trexlertown, PA. In 2004, FCCC merged with LWA and the new junior group began racing under the name of Bike Line Future Champions, as Bike Line sponsors our race teams.

Prior to Bike Line’s sponsorship, Broken Spoke was the race team’s sponsor. Over the years, our race team has produced State, Regional, National and World Champions. The race team has several staple training races, including the Thursday Nite Training Crit that was where Bill Strickland derived the title of his book "Ten Points".

The Gap Gallop Century has been going strong for over 35 years. Typically there are approximately 300 riders from across PA, NJ, & NY. It is usually held the day after the VPCC Flea Market.

More history to come in future newsletters.

The Club Board is kicking around many fun ideas to celebrate your 60th year; including a special picnic, t-shirt, water bottle or jersey. We are also looking into a raffle for a very special road bike. We will keep you posted on what is decided. If you have any ideas, please send us an email at lwa.membership@gmail.com.

Sallie Urffer, Editor
Saying good-bye to Nestor’s Sporting Goods!

A Letter from Pete Nestor.

Founded in 1946, Nestor's is one of Whitehall Township's oldest retailers and for the past 20 years one of America's top ranked winter sport shops. Karen and I are grateful for having worked 35 years in an industry we love while interacting with the many friends we have made in the course of business.

Because of this, it is with mixed emotions that we announce the closing of Nestor's Sporting Goods. Karen and I are looking forward to retiring into a new adventure of life and allowing our sons, Peter Jr. and Rob, to pursue their own interests. At the same time we are saddened by the prospect of closing the doors on the most defining era of our lives.

I am pleased to announce that next fall Buckman's Ski and snowboard Shops will be opening their sixth retail store at our Whitehall location. This opportunity ensures continuing service to our winter sports customers as well as employment possibilities for our staff with Buckman’s, southeastern Pennsylvania's leading winter sport retailer.

The SIA Mid-Atlantic Snowsport Retailer of the Year for three out of the last four years, Buckman’s specializes in winter sports exclusively and is closed during the summer months. Because of this Nestor’s will be conducting a going-out-of-business retirement sale beginning immediately. Please stop by to take advantage of our inventory and fixture liquidation and help us celebrate the end of one era here in the Lehigh Valley and the beginning of another.

Sincerely,

Peter Nestor

Editor’s note: Pete and Karen Nestor were LWA’s 2010 Ride Leaders of the Year award winners. They lead many of the Monday Night Rides.

Recurring Weekly Rides:

Monday: 5:30pm – VPCC- A,B & C Rides
Tuesday: 10:00am – Preston Lane Park Coopersburg – C ride
Tuesday: 5:40pm – LLBean – B ride
Wednesday: 9:00am – Various – Check website – B & C rides
Thursday: 5:30pm – Stabler – B & C rides
Thursday: 6:00pm – Eagles Nest Park – C ride
Friday: 9:00am – Various – Check website – B ride
Sunday: 10:00am – Rodale Fitness Park – A,B & C rides-check web

Board Member Profiles:

Pete Siegfried – VP Racing
I started with the club in early 91 or 92. I was VP of touring for three years or so and on the board several years. I did the Pa Dutch tour for six or seven years before I started racing. I have raced and ridden with the touring division for years and became VP of Racing since 08. I have mostly raced Track but have raced many Criterium races. My passion is the track. I have medals from many State and Regional events and Two National events.

VP of Touring Report:
Hi everyone. There are many rides that our club does not put on that are well known and beloved. They have traditionally been listed under the title "Out of Bounds Rides", which can currently be found under the Links tab on the LWA website. There are currently only a few rides listed. I know of several more that I will add shortly, but would like to ask for your help to add to this category of rides. Do you have a favorite Out of Bounds Ride? An example would be the Quad County Metric Century. Please email me at ganddpa@verizon.net and let me know what it is with as many details as you know. Thanks in advance.

Geoff Rogers, VP of Touring

LWA Meetings

Held the 3rd Monday of every month.

Next meeting is:
April 18, 2011
Business Mtg 7:30 PM
MEETING LOCATION:
Valley Preferred Cycling Center Plaza

Classified Ads for Members Only

ARTICLES FOR SALE

2006 Scott Speedster 5 road bike, only riddled 500 miles, never crashed. Size 56cm, forks CR1, carbon seat stays, Shimano Ultegra 6600 10 sp Originally $1,440 asking $900 call Michael Black @ (610) 756-6304

Trek 7600FX Hybrid in excellent condition. Size 15” or small. Contact Kathy 610-351-3968 or email kcm631@yahoo.com Pictures are available.

2 pair of Pearl Izumi winter womens cycling tights no chamois size small $40 Burley Rockport rain jacket womens size small $50 Email Laurie at laurie4550@yahoo.com

FOR RENT

2 HARD-SIDED BICYCLE TRAVEL CASES, Club owned, for rent to members for up to 4 weeks. $25 for 1 or 2 weeks, $50 for 3 or 4 weeks. Plus $25 security deposit required for any rental. Contact Dick McCreight @dick.mccreight@juno.com

WANTED

Ads must be private buy/sell/wanted/etc.having to do with bicycling and/or other sports. Ads must be submitted by the 20th of the month to appear in the following month’s newsletter. Send ads to sallie.pedals@gmail.com
Reminder
Check your membership card for your renewal date - Renew NOW!

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Receive a 10% discount with your LWA membership card! (unless otherwise noted)

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