

SPOKE Notes

Newsletter of the Cyclonauts Bicycling Club — Springfield, Massachusetts

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET



Our annual banquet and business meeting will be held this year on Friday, April 13 at Salvatore's restaurant on Rt 20 (Boston Road) in Springfield.

You can use the enclosed form to make reservations. Please remember, all reservations must be made by April 8. Hope to see everyone there!

HIKE SCHEDULE

Breakfast is at 8:00 AM at the restaurant listed. Hikes begin at 9:00 AM. Wear clothing in layers suitable for the weather. Bring water and food. Trails may be icy — wear appropriate footwear. If at least 4 inches of snow is on the ground, hike will be replaced by cross-country skiing or snow shoeing. Rain cancels. If in doubt about conditions, contact the leader.

WEDNESDAY HIKES

Feb. 1: Meet at Day/Night Diner, Palmer, 8 AM. Hike Miller-Luden Pond, ski or snowshoe, Hike Mt. Dumpling in Palmer, after, if you feel like it. Don Maynard, 525-3464, jmaynard390@msn.com

Feb 8: Meet Friendly's, exit 3 of Mass Pike, 8AM, Hike Tyringham Cobble and Laura's Tower, Stockbridge. Mary Ann Siron, 568-3304, ottertales@comcast.net

Feb 15: Meet Dominic's, Three Rivers, 8 AM, Swift River Walk, Linda Leydon, 283-4220, l.leydon@comcast.net.

Feb 22: Meet Rite Aid, Holyoke, 8 AM. Northfield Mtn. X-C ski facility, Bring lunch there is NO breakfast stop, Don Maynard, 525-3464, jmaynard390@msn.com

Feb 29: Meet Day/Night Diner, Palmer, 8 AM, Conant Brook, Monson, Chuck Alsop, 782-6328, hi2sam@verizon.net

Mar 7: Meet Reid's, Hampden Mini Mall, Peaked Mt., Mike Cronin, 566-3114, mike92341@gmail.com.

Mar 14: Mrs. Mitchell's, corner of Rt 202 @ Homestead Ave. Holyoke, 8 AM, Hike HCC Trails, Holyoke CC, Mike Theroux, 519-3684, mikether65@hotmail.com

Mar 21: Meet Bill Burgart's house, 395 East St, Easthampton, Breakfast from 7:30 - 9 am by chefs Ken O'Cook, Don O'Maynard and Bill O' Burgart, **Think and Wear Green**, Additional foods welcome, carpool > PLEASE, limited parking, Hike (long and short) on Mount Tom Range, Bill Burgart, 529-4650, hikerbill1@gmail.com

Mar 28: Plaza Restaurant, Somers, Ct., 8 AM, Hike Soapstone Mt. Bring something for the grill, Don Maynard, 525-3464, jmaynard390@msn.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If your mailing label has an "11" in the lower left corner your dues should be paid now. Use the enclosed renewal form. If your 2012 dues have been paid and our records are in error, please contact Les Prentice at 413-783-6775 or lprentice@verizon.net

SATURDAY HIKES FOR FEBRUARY

March Hikes will be posted on the Club's Website

Feb 4th: Meet 8:00 at Dunkin Donuts, Main St., Rt. 32, Monson. Hike 9:00 at Connan Brook Dam, Monson Mass. Dog friendly. Chuck Allsop, 413-782-6328 hi2sam@comcast.net

Feb 11th: Meet 8:00 at Bluebonnet Dinner on King St in Northampton. Ski/snowshoe 9:00 at Notchview (trail/fee required for either). If no snow we will meet at Atkins for a short local dog friendly hike. Contact leader for snow conditions. Betty Rad, bettrad@msn.com or 413-427-6095

Feb 18th: Meet 8:00 at Sully's Restaurant RT. 9 Hadley. Hike/Snowshoe 9:00 at Mt. Lincoln, Pelham. Will carpool from Pelham Elementary School. Moderate hike, 3.5 miles 3 hours. Dog friendly. Suzanne Fitz-Gibbon 413-527-4052. suzannefitzgibbon@charter.net

Feb 25th: Meet 8:00 at American Classics, 740 Springfield St., Agawam. Hike 9:00 at Robinson State Park. Park at Robinson Park School, Agawam. Dog friendly. Paul Griffin and Ann Morin 413-592-4123. morinann@hotmail.com

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

As part of the annual Cyclonauts banquet, we will be having a business meeting in which there will be a vote on any nominated club officers. If you would like to nominate anyone or run for any of the officer positions, please contact one of the members of the Nomination Committee – Sue Strange (860-763-3046) and Don Sullivan (413-566-8661).

All officers are planning to continue with their current responsibilities unless someone else is interested. The current officers are:

President	Liz Sturgen	At Large Members:
Secretary	Ann Morin	
Treasurer	Les Prentice	Mady Schorsch
Trips Chairperson	Meredith Sullivan	Sue Strange
Hike Chairpersons	Mary Ann Siron	Don Sullivan
	Suzanne Fitz-Gibbon	Mary Ann Siron
SpokeNotes Editor	Peter Munk	
Circulation Manager	Ken Blair	

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

With the rising costs of mailing, printing and club insurance would those of you who are receiving the Newsletter by mail but have the ability to download the newsletter via the Club's website, please consider doing so. You can indicate your willingness to do this by checking the download box of the Club renewal form. Approximately 58% of the membership is now doing so. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If anyone is unsure how to do print from the website you can contact Ken Paquette and he will talk you through it.

WEBMASTER'S CORNER



Please welcome Ray Siwinski as the Club's new Webmaster. From now on, send hike/bike photos and schedule changes to Ray at rsiwinski@gmail.com. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I want to thank you for all the support and encouragement that you have extended during my tenure as webmaster.

— Ken Paquette

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The deadline for the Spring Spoke Notes is Tuesday, March 20. All ride schedules & notices must be submitted by March 20 to Peter Munk:
petermunk7@gmail.com