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Interested in a Pie Ride?

Hatton Craft Fair : Oct 4th



Registration is Live for Vélo Vino Vici

Vélo Vino Vici returns on **Sunday, October 19!** This afternoon bike and walking tour celebrates the significant role bicycles have played in women's empowerment and independence. Women and gender non-binary folks will be guided to several stops around downtown Columbia to enjoy wine and non-alcoholic drinks, light snacks, and fun with other attendees.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

What's new from the Columbia Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission August 20th meeting By Frank Schmidt

1. MKT Trail. Replacement of Bridge #9 and repair of Bridge #10 on the trail are delayed until Winter 2026-27 (new fiscal year).
2. Searching [como.gov](https://www.como.gov) for the City Sidewalk Master Plan used to bring up the 2012 plan, which is outdated. City Staff will work with City IT department to make sure that Googling "Sidewalk Master Plan" will bring up the current version. That HAS now been fixed – see [HERE](#) for the 2024 version. After discussion, the Commission decided to develop procedures to update the Sidewalk Master Plan on a regular basis.
3. The City is working on a Pedestrian Level of Comfort map. It won't be real time, but it will be available on the City website.
4. The COLT trail from Rogers Street to I-70 is still being discussed. The easiest way would be to construct a Rail WITH Trail, allowing for future activation of the rail right of way (which would require two new bridges – it ain't gonna happen in our lifetimes).

Week Without Driving Kick Off

Hosted by Local Motion – see p 3 for more info!

Monday, Sept. 29, 5:00-6:30 pm

You're invited to Cafe Berlin to kick off Week Without Driving! Guests will learn about the week's goals, hear from non-drivers about the barriers they face, participate in zine-making activities, and enjoy tasty food. (Thanks to a grant from America Walks, Local Motion will have a food tab open from 5:00-6:00 pm.)

[Register for the Kick Off](#)

Pedalin' Times

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Pedalin' Times welcomes articles that would be of interest to the membership. We request submissions for publication be Emailed to the editor at the address below

Articles may be edited for grammar, clarity, and good taste. The editor reserves the right to refuse publication of any item.

Annual dues for the Columbia Bicycle Club are \$20.00 (US) per household, on a calendar basis.

If you move, please let us know by sending an Email to Secretary Joe at the Email address below. We really do want you to get your copy of the newsletter.

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Minutes from Sept 2nd meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm

15 members present; one visitor: Paula Rollins, friend of Karen, rides all surfaces!

Treasurer's report:

Opening balance 8/21/2025: \$1812.08; Expenses: Shakespeare's pizza \$65.80, MO Secretary of State renewal \$10.50 Income: Pizza donations: \$64.00 Closing balance 8/31/2025 \$1799.78

Old Business:

- Columbiacycleclub.org domain was renewed for another year;
- Our Annual Corporate Registration was renewed with the Mo Secretary of State for another year.

NEW Business:

- We were reminded that the katy trail bridges #9 and #10 would be repaired in FY 26-27
- The Park and Rec list of priorities for improvements can be found [on line](#)
- Local Motion will host the Week Without Driving Sept 29 thru Oct 5. See p 3 for details – Challenge yourself and see what you can do without a car for a week!
- Pedestrian level of Comfort map is being worked on – this is an update to the previous map last visited in 2012

Ride Reports:

- Joe and Paula rode a NOT very pleasant 33rd annual Missouri River Festival of the Arts bike tour, it was TOO HOT – Joe cramped up bad There were maybe 50 participants; Joe did about 42, Paula added to 10 loop to Lupas
- Karen and Jerry (near KC) biked the [Cardinal Greenway](#)

outside Muncey, IN, then on to Toronto biking the Lake Ontario Boardwalk and a trail along Lake Huron

OTHER issues / concerns:

- To report a street issue to the city (pothole, broken curb, street light down, etc...) go to : see click fix https://seeclickfix.com/columbia_2
- Park and Rec does have a list of priorities for trails and parks: not recently up-dated tho.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 for Pizza and chatting!

Week Without Driving Monday, September 29 to Sunday, October 5 Take the Week of No Driving Challenge!

What would life be like if you didn't drive? How would you get to work, school, or the doctor's office? Could you bike everywhere? Is the nearest grocery store in walkable distance? Would you have to take a taxi or Uber to do all your shopping? Where's the nearest bus stop and when will it show up? Would your friends and relatives be available for a ride? Could your kids get to school? Or sports or music lessons?

This situation is a fact of life for many Americans, one-third of whom don't have a driver's license. They're too young or too old, have disabilities, can't get a car or insurance, or simply choose not to drive.

Anna Zivarts is a visually impaired mother and activist, who lives in Seattle. Even in the "green kingdom" she faces challenges, documented in her book *When Driving is not an Option*. She started A Week Without Driving www.weekwithoutdriving.org to bring awareness of the problems not using a car brings to daily life, with the objective of changing everyone's attitudes about transportation.

Anna will give an online presentation about Week Without Driving on Monday, September 15, from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Look to the web page *Local Motion is the organizer for the Columbia Week Without Driving*. <https://lomocomo.org/wwd> for this and other events.

You don't have to entirely give up driving for the week – "This challenge is about awareness, not perfection. Even replacing a few regular drives without biking, walking or transit is worth the experience!"

You can get more information and sign up for Week Without Driving at <https://lomocomo.org/wwd>.

Buzz is building around 32" mountain bike wheels and tires. You read that right.

<https://escapecollective.com/32-wheel-mountain-bikes-are-coming/>

While 32" wheels and tires have existed for years in the unicycle market, and have been used in custom bike applications for tall riders, the debut of a dedicated 32" XC mountain bike tire from Maxxis at March's Taipei Cycle Show likely signals that something is coming soon from major mountain bike brands.

A larger diameter than the current 29" mainstay could offer benefits like enhanced rollover, stability, and traction. Plus, on very large frames, big wheels are more aesthetically pleasing and perform better. Yet there are drawbacks like added weight, slower acceleration, and geometry red flags for average to short-statured riders.

But does the industry need another standard to support? I recently talked to a few brands involved with the rise of 32 to learn more.

Opening a mold, and possibilities

I'm old enough to remember the hype around 29" bikes when they first came to market in a production capacity during the early 2000s and subsequently soared in popularity, eventually overtaking 26" as the optimal wheel size for mountain bikes.

I was even the proud owner of a second-generation Surly Karate Monkey and, later, a few early Niner hardtails. At 6'1" (185 cm) tall, the primary draw for me was enhanced traction, better stability from longer wheelbases and rotational inertia, and improved ability to roll over obstacles than previously offered by 26" wheels. At my height, I had few of the initial issues that plagued bike geometries for smaller riders like toe overlap and limited standover.

Creating a new wheel size for bikes is an uphill battle, with tires creating the biggest bottleneck to development. This was the case back when designers tried to gain traction with 29ers and has

been happening again in recent years as brands have explored 32” models.



That's not a kid's bike on the right: prototype DirtySixer 32" hardtail compared to Specialized 29er. Photo © DirtySixer

Maxxis, however, recently made a sizable investment in creating the first performance-oriented 32” XC mountain bike tire. According to

Mountain Liang, Maxxis' marketing coordinator, the Taiwanese tire manufacturer spent about six months developing a process and having custom machinery built to produce the new 32 x 2.4" Aspen.

“Opening a new mold is quite easy, but the production equipment was another [thing],” Liang told *Escape Collective*. “Equipment [was] totally different from the current production standard and takes time to adjust.

The new tire, says [Trek](#) product developer and longtime former pro [Travis Brown](#), is key for the bikemaker's ability to investigate the benefits (and drawbacks) of the larger wheel size. The research project's roots go back to the data the brand gathered on 29ers, which allowed it to build a performance profile that is easily adaptable to testing other wheel sizes. Where the most recent exploration stalled was test options.

The next meeting of the Columbia
Bicycle Club will be at 7:30 p.m.,

Tuesday Oct 7th

We meet at Shakespeare's West
Enjoy great camaraderie and the
good feeling you get from spending
time with fellow bicyclists.

Hope To See Ya!

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