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Railbanking in Columbia Part 1: Rogers St. to I-70

Railbanking is the means to preserve rail corridors when the land is no longer needed or used for railroads. Railbanked land is effectively “on loan.” It can return to railroad use if needed in the future, but in the meantime, a local government agency serves as the “trail sponsor” and the land can be used for other purposes, such as bike and pedestrian recreation and commuter trails. For example, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources sponsors the Katy Trail State Park as a railbanked trail.

We have an abandoned railroad right of way in Columbia. The Colt railway from Columbia to Centralia is owned by the City of Columbia. Until 2015, the railway was used to bring coal to the Municipal Power Plant just North of the Business Loop. Since the power plant was converted to burn natural gas, there is no need for the rail roadbed.

The City of Columbia wants to convert the abandoned right of way between Rogers St (basically, behind Walt’s Bike Shop) and Brown Station Road to a “rail with trail” facility. The trail would have full-width lanes for bikes and pedestrians alongside any trains that might eventually use the rail part.

The first phase of the project would convert the right-of-way between Rogers Street and I-70 to a rail-with trail, or a trail-only corridor where the

tracks have already been removed. Since railbanked corridors must keep the existing infrastructure, two existing bridges would need attention.



Abutments

supporting the bridge over I-70 will be replaced as part of the Improve I70 project. The bridge will be converted to a pedestrian/bike bridge (that still could be used for rail traffic if improved). The bridge over Business Loop 70 will be converted to a pedestrian/bike bridge, as the existing bridge won’t support loaded rail cars safely.

If approved, the project should be completed sometime after 2030. Bike Club members and others can get more information and voice their opinions (including rail-to-trail vs. the rail-with-trail options) at <https://beheard.como.gov/colt-railroad-railbanking>.



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Pedalin' Times is published monthly. Deadline for submissions is the second Tuesday of the month.

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 Feb 3rd meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm 12 members present

Treasurer's report, 01/31/2026

- Opening balance 01/01/: \$1889.71; Expenses: none; Income: Membership renewal (and donation) \$55.00; Closing Balance 01/31/2026: \$1944.71
- “columbiabikeclub.com” domain renewed through 01/2027; IRS 990-N form filed.
- As of the end of January, there are 21 households with 31 individuals listed in our membership. Of those, 12 households (with 21 individuals) had paid their 2026 memberships.

Old Business

- Thanks again to the Stookeys for hosting the Chili Fest on Jan 1st – there were about 18 people present to start off the New Year with friends.
- The CBC Board met in January to review and up-date the Bylaws. The modified version will be shared with Members for review at the March meeting, with the intent to vote upon the final version/revisions at the April monthly meeting.
- The Bike and Pedestrian Commission provided feedback to the City Council about pedestrians on the Medians making 3 specific recommendations, but did not take a specific position on panhandling.

New business

- Local Motion announced in December that between donation and CoMoGives fund raisers, they raised ~\$30K. This was very important funding as the grant they were awarded about a year ago likely will not be reinstated. Some staff members have left and were not replaced, others remain and have been shifted to other funding sources/cost-sharing.
- Currently, LocalMotion plans to hold the annual BikeWalk&Wheel festival as usual, this year during May 2nd – May 10th, ending with the Mothers day bike ride on Sunday May 10th, ending with the Mothers day bike ride on Sunday May 10th, at BeetBox, as we have in the past, stay tuned for details!

10th (starting at the TwinLakes Shelter this year). The CBC will host our Breakfast station on May 8th, at BeetBox, as we have in the past, stay tuned for details!

- Carol has approved Joe's BigBikeEuropeExcursion and they are making plans! 3+ weeks along the Rhine, 20-40 miles a day with a lot of sightseeing along the way. Stay tuned for more details as he makes it up!
 - Discussion ensued about up-coming rides – see below for more details and links for registration!
- Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm for pizza – and carrot cake!

As the ice/snow retreats and you return to your bike:

If you find you need 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 I believe you might also be able to request a street sweeping at this site, IF your road route is particularly gnarly this spring!

Up coming rides that might be of interest – some local, some at a distance

[Bear Creek Bluegrass](#)

Saturday, April 18, 2026 3:00 PM 10:00 PM
Antimi Shelter, Cosmo Park

Join Walt's and Off-Track Events for a social, 11-mile ride from the Antimi Shelter in Cosmo Park along the Bear Creek Trail to Albert Oakland Park, with live music stops along the way! If you are interested in renting a bike for the event, give us a call at 573-886-9258 to check our availability and make a reservation. More information can be found at the link above



[Pedaler's Jamboree](#)



Sat, May 23, 2026 7:30 AM
through
Sun, May 24, 2026 4:00 PM

We are excited to once again be partnered with Off-Track Events for the Pedaler's Jamboree! The Great Folks at Walt's will be providing mechanical support at the starting line at Flat Branch Park in Columbia, AND at the Kemper Park Campground in Booneville, AND several stops along the way!

If you are interested in renting a bike for the event Walts will have a variety of offerings to choose from, as well as any gear you might need to stay riding all weekend long.

For more information about rentals or accessories, give Walt's a call at 573-886-9258. For more information about the event itself, checkout the Pedaler's Jamboree Website at the link above.

See you on the trail!

[Furry Fifty](#)

Saturday, May 2, 2026 8:00 AM 5:00 PM
Cooper's Landing

The successor to the Hairy Hundred gravel race, the Furry Fifty showcases some of Southern Boone County's premier gravel roads. The race is part of the Show Me Mo Gravel Series. Come join us to race or spectate this awesome event! For more information about registration, check out the link above



[UFD Rhett's Run XC](#)

Sunday, June 14, 2026, 7:30 AM 1:00 PM
Rhett's Run Trail ([map](#))

The United Federation of Dirt is returning to Cosmo Park for the Rhett's Run XC race! All proceeds from this race will be going to one of our fantastic community partners, COMOTA, so be sure to sign up for the event and show your support! For more information, visit the UFD's website at the link above.



[Criterium at the Columns](#)

Sunday, June 14, 2026 10:00 AM 4:00 PM

We are excited to announce that crit racing will return to downtown Columbia for another year!

There will be competition at every level including a free race for kids 10 and under.



For more information, visit the event registration page above This event is presented by CycleX Racing.

[Show-Me State Games XCO](#)

Sunday, July 19, 2026 8:00 AM 2:00 PM
Rock Bridge Memorial State Park ([map](#))

The Show-Me State Games and the United Federation of Dirt are partnering up yet again to bring mountain bike racing back to Rock Bridge Memorial State Park.

The race will feature beginner, sport, expert, and marathon categories.



You can either register for the race at the link above or sign up on race day at the event.

BIKE, WALK & WHEEL WEEK EVENTS



Bike, Walk, Wheel to the Farmers Market

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Visit us at the market to pedal a smoothie on our Blender Bike

EVENT INFO

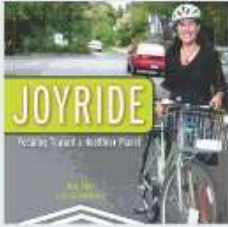


Wheelchair & Bike Wash

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Free event where we'll get your wheels sparkling clean

EVENT INFO



Joyride Book Discussion

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Join us for a book discussion with author Mia Birk on her inspiring story "Joyride"

EVENT INFO



Breakfast Station Day

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Visit us at the market to pedal a smoothie on our Blender Bike

EVENT INFO



Mother's Day Family Fun Ride

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Easy bike ride (or walk!) starting at Twin Lakes Park

EVENT INFO

Sat, May 2, 2026 12:00 AM through Sun, May 10, 2026

Local Motion's premier event is back for the 24th year and we are once again proud to be sponsors! Join us here at Walt's and out in the broader Columbia community for the weeklong celebration of alternative modes of transportation. There will be a variety of events throughout the week, and you can find out more information on the [Local Motion Website](#) Watch for additional opportunities to volunteer at this event!

What we saw on our Vacation :

This photo was hanging in the hall of the lodge at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel in Yellowstone.

The photograph captures members of the 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps, an all-Black unit known as the "Buffalo Soldiers" The men, posing with their bicycles on the travertine layers at the Minerva Terrace at Mammoth Hot Springs The photo was taken in 1896 during an expedition where the corps traveled from Fort Missoula, Montana, to Yellowstone Park, on bicycles.



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

Tuesday March 3rd

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!

Need a Bike Box for Travel?
Remember the club owns TWO

Contact: EITHER
CycleX OR TEXT the Club Pres
at 573 864 6830
to reserve one.

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