



## County Spinskis

Notes from March 4, 2008

After much discussion about the purpose and direction of the Spinskis, it was suggested that the original mission statement be revised to reflect a more family oriented riding club rather than a race training club.

**Revised Mission Statement: *The County Spinskis is a club for families and individuals of all ages and abilities whose interest in cycling, mountain biking and/or skiing is synergized to promote community interest and involvement and opportunities for a lifestyle of fitness and fun.***

It was decided that in order to promote growth of the club, word needs to get out that we are not a racing club. Suggestions for summer activities include: a bike rodeo with bike safety stations, club support at all local events (PI Classic, Spudcycle, etc.), providing kids' events at all events, friendly group rides and family rides.

**CALENDER OF EVENTS** (complete listing @ [www.spinskis.com](http://www.spinskis.com))

### **Group Rides Begin! (Helmet required)**

Mondays: Women "no drop" road ride, 5:30pm, from MOJO, starting May 8

Tuesdays: Houlton, road ride, 5:30pm from Tourist Information Center, started April 1

Tuesdays: Caribou, road ride, 5:30pm from S.W. Collins, starting April 29

Wednesdays: PI/FF, mountain bike, 6:00pm from Nordic Heritage Center, starting May 7  
(permitted trails are open)

Thursdays: road ride, 5:30pm, from MOJO, starting May 1

Saturdays: all levels, 8:00am, from MOJO, starting April 19

### **Local Time Trial Series**

There will be a local time trial series again this year. This is a fun event for all ages. The idea behind this series is to provide an opportunity for riders to compete against the clock and themselves. It is meant to be fun! Some take it much more seriously than others and that's okay, too! The course is 10 miles long (5 miles out and back) on the Parsons Road. It is a relatively rolling course following the river. There will be a shorter course for youth. There is a \$3.00 fee for adults, youth are free. Call 760-9500 for more info or email [info@melsmojo.com](mailto:info@melsmojo.com).

- #1 May 10
- #2 June 21
- #3 July 19 (part of the Maine Time Trial series @ 1:00pm)
- #4 August 9
- #5 September 6



### **Bar Harbor Riding Weekend May 2-4**

The Spinskis are organizing a riding weekend in Bar Harbor! The dates are May 2, 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please let me know so I can work on accommodations. Motels are relatively inexpensive this time of year...only us crazy bikers go to the island this time of year! There will be a variety of rides available and maybe even some hiking or other activities. The carriage trails should be open as well.

### **GHCA Bike-a-Thon Saturday, June 7**

Greater Houlton Christian Academy is a pre-Kindergarten through grade twelve private Christian school of over 190 students.

**The GHCA Bike-a-Thon raises funds for the Academy's general school needs not covered by tuition.** We depend on fund raisers like the GHCA Bike-a-Thon in order to keep our tuition affordable to local families. The objective of the Bike-a-Thon is to find individuals and organizations willing to sponsor volunteer bikers participating in a variety of bike courses. All sponsorships are tax deductible. Below are our bike courses:

- **Tour De Pitlock** 100 Miles - 7:00 a.m.
- **Tour De Haynesville** 60 Miles - 7:00 a.m.
- **Tour De Limerick** 33 Miles - 8:00 a.m.
- **Tour De Hodgdon** 10 Miles - 9:00 a.m.

### **Club Jerseys & Membership**

The cycling jerseys are in production. They look awesome! I should receive them by the end of April. They will cost \$50; however, if you have paid your membership or renew it, then you can buy the jersey for \$40. Membership dues have been reduced this year. They are \$10 for an individual, \$20 for a family. I have attached a copy of the new application or you can download the membership form off the website: [www.spinskis.com](http://www.spinskis.com) .

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 22, 7:00pm @ MOJO**