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STBC is on the Internet.

Thanks to Regina Losinger and John Gerty for their efforts in keeping the home page up to date:

www.southerntierbicvcleclub.org

Check it out for the latest club information.

For Jay's extensive Tuesday Ride database, go to: http://home.stny.rr.com/jaysweb/tuesbike/tuesbike.html

To subscribe to the club e-mail list, send a blank message to: stbc-subscribe@topica.com

To write to the list, send a message to: stbc@topica.com.

You can also do these things by visiting the topica web site at: http://www.topica.com/lists/stbc/read

Nearby clubs with home pages:

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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is published 3 times a year: spring, summer, and fall. Items for the spring issue must be submitted by March 1st. Send all submissions to:

STBC NEWSLETTER • PO BOX 601 • Binghamton, NY 13902-0601, or email: bike@southerntierbicycleclub.org

HOW TO LEAD A RIDE

STBC is looking for ride leaders for future club rides. All a rider leader is required to do is:

- 1. Pick out a route, and scout it out ahead of time
- 2. Know the level of difficulty based on the ride grading so we can provide correct rating
- 3. Have a starting point and time
- 4. Get parking permission for your meeting place
- 5. Find a sub if you cannot lead your scheduled ride 6. Show up at least 15 minutes ahead of time.
- 7. Get rider signatures on waiver of liability form, and review the safety checklist with all riders. The form is available on-line at www.southerntierbicycleclub.org/ imagesRelease_and_waiver_of_liability_form_for_club_rides.doc
- 8. Once you've completed the ride, return the form to the STBC address.

LOOKING FOR NEW RIDE LEADERS

If interested in leading a ride, please contact Don Gillespie at 748-7635 or at bikes325@cs.com.

ATTENTION

Participation in all STBC activities is at your own risk. The club cannot take any liability for personal injury or loss of property occurring during these activities. Due to the inherent dangers of riding on the highways, STBC requires the use of a CPSC, ASTM, ANSI, or Snell approved helmet and the observance of all traffic laws.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT:

ID, water bottles, spare tube, patch kit, pump, basic tools, food, spending money, appropriate clothing, sunglasses, and sunscreen and don't forget your helmet. Cell phones and walkie-talkies can also help to improve communications during the ride.

RIDE CATEGORIES / SPEED & TERRAIN

Speed rating (pace on level ground):

AA: Over 22 mph

- A: 19-22 mph Advanced pace with few stops.
- B: 16-19 mph Vigorous pace with occasional stops.
- C: 13-16 mph Steady pace, rest stops every hour.
- D: 10-13 mph Sightseeing pace, semi-frequent stops at key points to wait for riders.
- Under 10 mph Relaxed pace, frequent stops to wait for everyone. MBR: Mountain Bike Ride

Terrain

1. Multiple long and/or steep climbs. 3. Rolling with some hills.

2. Multiple and/or large hills.

4. Generally flat or rolling.

Ride Rating Example:

"D/4/30" 10-13 mph over flat terrain, 30 miles.

If maps and/or cue sheets are provided for all riders, the leader is not obligated to wait for slower riders on AA, A, B, and C rides. Otherwise, ride leaders on all rides are expected to keep track of riders (consider a volunteer rider serving as sweep).



EVERY SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST RIDE

We meet at 8 a.m. at the Park Diner on Conklin Avenue for breakfast overlooking the Rockbottom Dam; Rain/Shine/Warm/Cold. Arrive by bicycle, foot or other. After breakfast riding varies, but often includes a back roads ride to the Broome Industrial Park. returning via a variety of optional routes, including but not limited to NY 7, NY11 or the route taken out. On occasion we might do the streets of Bing-

hamton to Dickinson and Otsiningo Park bike paths. Participant determined.

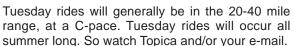


TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING RIDE SERIES

This series is just the ticket for those seeking leisurely rides during the day, midweek. On a typical Tuesday/Thursday we meet midmorning and ride to lunch, or a picnic or an event. But always with food and lots of camaraderie.

If you haven't yet experienced the midweek events, you should know that we have never lost anyone yet - at least not that anyone remembers! (Most of us are retired, but not yet willing to admit to senility.)

Some of the more memorable events last year were the always popular Cannonsville Reservoir ride to Walton; around Lake Owasco followed by a hike; Colliersville to Cooperstown and several rides with hosted picnics.





THURSDAY RIDE SERIES

There was a great participation last year in the Tuesday rides. So we are expanding to Thursdays as well to give you more riding opportunities. Join us either Tuesday, Thursday, or both, depending upon your schedule for the week. Thursday rides will follow the same format as the Tuesday rides but will be on average slightly slower and shorter. Other than that, the same great cycling experience awaits you.

These rides will be led by experienced riders from the Tuesday group. They will take place when leaders are available.



information.

Check http://topica.com/lists/stbc/read for particulars early each week. To get more direct notification, sign up for the STBC Topica list and send your e-mail address to plaini@ieee.org with a note - "Add me to the Tuesday/Thursday list."

STOP AND SMELL THE FLOWERS RIDES

Twice a month, usually on Sunday afternoons, Joan Hebb will lead rides designed for new, recovering and/or occasional riders. These rides will be at a D/E pace on generally flat/rolling terrain and start out under 12 miles. If you're a "gentle" rider for whatever reason, dig out the bike and come on out! Call Joan (729-9352) for more

MONDAY EVENING FASTER AND HILLIER RIDE SERIES

Want to improve your endurance, hill climbing ability, and speed? Want to have some fun while you are doing it? Grab your bike, shake off those Monday blues, and join Regina Losinger twice a month for a 15 to 25 mile, C+ to B pace (14 to 19 mph) ride at 6PM from the Beethoven Street parking lot in Recreation Park on the West-side of Binghamton. Early season rides will be at a slower pace than late season rides, and hillier rides will also be at a slower pace. Regina promises a challenging, good time for all, and she plans to "lead this ride from the rear, as usual!" This ride is often topped off with a stop for snacks and refreshments.

WEDNESDAY RIDE

Wednesday Evening rides are typically 10-20 mile rides at a C-D pace, and 3-4 terrain; a perfect way to blow off some steam at the end of the day. Destination and route are at the discretion of the ride leader, but suggestions are welcome. Maps & cue sheets are not typically provided, but faster riders wait for the slower riders at turns.

Join Karen Koscianski in September for her Wednesday night ride series.

SEND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

In order to be able to contact club members on a more timely basis, the STBC officers and Nancy Botting, our membership coordinator, are asking you to help complete our e-mail address book. Anyone who wishes to receive club information via e-mail, please send an e-mail message to: bike@southerntierbicycleclub.org. If you have already received e-mail from that address, then you're set and don't need to send the messages. Note that this will not affect wheather you receive your newsletters via post office mail or e-mail.

DOGS AND BIKERS

If you have any problems with dogs, please do yourself, other STBC members, and all bikers a great favor. CALL the local town or county animal control officer, sheriff, police agency or state police and make a complaint. They will issue the dog owner, the real culprit, a citation, or some form of notification and it will be recorded. With a sufficient number of citations the local agencies will be forced to take action against THE OWNER. The dog only learns from our tactics; e.g. water bottles, outrunning them, pepper spray, Dog Dazers (high pitched frequency), etc., and contrives other ways to get at a biker. Ultimately, the dog may finally figure out the proper approach and that poor biker will suffer.

Therefore, notify animal control for the betterment of all. Remember, the best method to deal with a menacing dog (as we learned at the GFLBT) is to stop, get off your bike and put the bike between you and the dog while yelling loudly (so the owner can hear you) for the dog to GO HOME, HEEL, STAY, or whatever works in loud, bold and deep voice. (Thanks to Craig Thomas for this reminder.)



RIDE SCHEDULE FALL 2006 - SEPTEMBER



Tuesday and Thursday Morning Rides

See page 2 in this newsletter for more details about the Tuesday and Thursday morning rides. For ride announcements see http://topica.com/lists/stbc/read.

FRI September 1st, 6 PM

Eckerd's in Owego

Craig Thomas, 723-1565

Meet in Owego at the Eckerd Drug store (behind the court house) for the Glenmary Road ride and finish it with some ice cream. Great way to start the holiday weekend.

SAT September 2nd, 10:30 AM

Old High School in Windsor

Tom Nickerson, 775-4826

C-D/3/25 - Meet at the old High School in Windsor to ride to Susquehanna for lunch. Depending on the group desires, the ride can be extended for more miles

MON September 4th, 9 AM

Court House Square, Binghamton

Tom & Sharon Nickerson, 775-4826

D/4/9 - Meet Tom and Sharon for the short ride to the German Club breakfast. The ride is fairly flat except for the climb up Loughlin Road to the German Club. Breakfast is reasonably priced and the German band plays for your listening (or dancing) enjoyment.

WED September 6th, 6 PM

Endicott

Karen Koscianski, 786-5619

North Side of Endicott Dinner Rides - Park at the Huron Parking Lot on Watson Blvd. across from Council Family Kitchen (Corner of Oak Hill and Watson Blvd.) We will ride approximately 25 miles and then end the evening with dinner at one of Endicott's Italian Restaurants. We will try a new restaurant each week.

SAT September 9th, 10 AM

Brisben fishing access

Vincent & Pat Taeger, 656-7615

C/3/40 - Ride to Colorscape in Norwich. Enjoy the food, arts, crafts, and music. Meet at the Fishing access on NY12 just south of the Brisben bridge (Bridge Street) at 10 AM. Return to Brisben at about 2 PM with the leaders or stay and make a longer day of it.

SUN September 10th, 1 PM

CFJ Park, Johnson City,

Jim Conroy, 772-3350

B/2/47 - Join Jim for the "You won't believe how flat it is!" ride to Whitney Point. There are only 3 hills in this ride. Meet Jim at the CFJ park in Johnson City (new Gannett printing facility) on Sunday at 1 PM. He'll take you over Airport Road to NY26 and to Whitney Point for snack stop. Return via NY79, NY12, and

MON September 11th, 6 PM

Rec. Park, Binghamton

Regina Losinger, 222-8235

Monday evening ride. Rides range from C/4/15-B/2/20 depending on the group. Meet at the Beethoven St. parking lot, west side of Binghamton.

WED September 13th, 6 PM

Endicott

Karen Koscianski, 786-5619

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SAT September 16th, 8:30 AM Fall Highway Clean-up Craig Thomas, 723-1565 This fall, on Sept 16th, we will once again make our section of NY-12 shine. Volunteers can meet at 7:30 AM at Laura's Lunchenette, 1080 Chenango Street (across from M&T bank) for breakfast on the club, then drive to St. Rita's Church on NY12 (just before downtown Chenango Forks) to begin the clean-up at 8:30 AM. Contact Craig at 723-1565 ahead of time so he has a count for breakfast. Weather permitting, there will be a bike ride after the clean-up.

SUN September 17th, 1 PM

Appalachin Fishing Access

Joan Hebb 729-9352

D/4/12 Ride to Owego and back on 17C. For a longer ride, meet at Grippen Park in Endicott at 12:30.

SUN September 17th, 8 AM

U.E. High School, Endicott

Don Gillespie, 748-7635

C/2/100 - A century ride for those of you who would like to do a 100-mile ride as a cap to your summer fitness efforts. The ride will take you through Owego, Speedsville, Ithacá, Spencer and return. Pack your own lunch for the mid-way stop at the Cornell Ornathalogical Center in Sapsucker Woods. A sag wagon will carry your lunch and have extra water and snacks.

WED September 20th, 5:30 PM

Endicott

Karen Koscianski, 786-5619

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Bill Bennet, 775-3356

SAT September 23rd 9 AM or 9:45 AM Conklin or Binghamton C/3/77 or 91 - There are two locations for starting this ride. At 9 AM meet at Bill Bennett's house which will net an 91 mile ride. (Directions: From the corner of Tompkins Street and Conklin Avenue in Binghamton (NY 7), take Conklin Avenue (NY 7) south 4.8 miles to Suncrest Drive. Turn left on Suncrest Drive and follow for 0.1mile to Whiting Way. Turn right on Whiting Way to number 4) At 9:45 AM, join the ride at the Binghamton Plaza, West State Street, in Binghamton to net a 77 mile ride. Travel out Chenango Street and Kattellville Road to NY 79 for lunch in Whitney Point. Then on to Richford to return to Owego via NY 38 and Binghamton via 17C.

SAT September 23rd, 10 AM - 4 PM

Endicott Apple Fest

See you at the STBC table at the Endicott Apple Fest. It's on Washington Avenue. Contact Don Gillespie, 748-7635, if you can help with the booth. (See "Endicott Apple Fest" item in this newsletter for more information.)

SUN September 24th, 9:30 AM

Unadilla Fishing Access or Oneonta

Don Robertson 725-9481

D/3/28 - Ride to the famous "Pie in the Sky" restaurant in Otego for their all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast. (\$5.00 or \$5.75 with sausage). Ride to Pie in the Sky on Rt. 7, return on local roads on south side of river, with optional loop to Oneonta Exit 13. D/3/28 (without Oneonta loop-35 with loop). Meeting place is the Unadilla fishing access at 9:30 AM, Directions: I-88 Exit 10, left at first intersection (River Rd), immediate right into parking lot.

If you would like to ride from the Oneonta area to the breakfast, contact Erica LaBuz at 432-7511 for the departure time and location.

MON September 25th, 5:30 PM

Rec. Park, Binghamton

Regina Losinger, 222-8235

Monday evening ride. Rides range from C/4/15-B/2/20 depending on the group. Meet at the Beethoven St. parking lot, west side of Binghamton.

WED September 27th, 5:30 PM

Endicott

Karen Koscianski, 786-5619

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SAT September 30th, 1:00 PM

Trout Creek parking area

Bob & Joyce Dannecker, 648-9467

MBR C/2/27 - Meet at the Trout Creek parking area at the north end of the NY 10 bridge over the Cannonsville Reservoir. This will be a repeat of our spring ride which several members asked us to do again in the fall. Enjoy a quiet, leisurely, scenic mix of dirt and paved roads (about 15 miles dirt and 12 paved) between the reservoir and Masonville. NOTE: Except for a convenience store in Masonville, there are no facilities, so bring snacks and water. If conditions have been dry, road bikes will be OK, but expect some rough, rutted sections.



RIDE SCHEDULE FALL 2006 - OCTOBER

Tuesday and Thursday Morning Rides

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SUN October 1st, 10 AM

Whitney Point High School

Paul Natelli, 754-5251

C/2-3/53 - Join Paul for a ride beginning at the Whitney Point High School and out NY11 to Virgil and past Greek Peak. From there you'll go to Dryden for a lunch stop. After lunch pickup a parallel road to NY38 past the Cornell barn. Then Paul will lead you back on NY38 to Harford and onto NY221 that returns to Marathon and eventually back to the start point.

SUN October 1st, 1 PM

To Be determined

Joan Hebb 729-9352

D/3-4/20 Call Joan or check Topica for a posting for this Stop and Smell the Flowers ride.

SAT October 7th 10:00 AM

Mt Upton

Erica LaBuz, 432-7511

D/3/26 Enjoy the fall foliage in the beautiful Butternut Valley. Ride from Mt. Upton fishing access to Gilbertsville and Morris. Lunch at the Country Store in Gilbertsville. Meet at the fishing access on NY 8. Take I88 to the Sidney exit. Take NY 8 north. The fishing access is on the right about 6 miles north of the NY 7 and NY 8 intersection. It is a straight road that ends because they took out a bridge so it does not look like a parking lot. (Across from one of those places that sells Amish barns)

SUN October 8th, Noon

Hickories Park, Owego

Regina Losinger, 222-8235

C/3/28 - We'll meet at noon at the Hickories Park in Owego for the short scenic ride up Gaskill Road to Newark Valley and on to the Belmet Billings farmstead. The Apple Fest there includes the restored farm house, barn and outbuildings, period activities, and usually includes a civil war encampment and reenactment. There is fee (\$6) to enter the grounds. Food is available.

SAT October 14th, 10:30 AM

Great American Market in Greene

Vincent and Pat Taeger, 656-7615

C/2/40 - Meet at the Great American market in Green for lunch and a beautiful fall ride.

SUN October 15th, 1 PM

Catholic Church, Windsor

Joan Hebb 729-9352

D/3/23 Ride from Windsor to Susquehanna and back. The return has one steep hill.

SAT October 21st, 9:45 AM

Covered Bridge Park, Downsville, NY

Bob & Joyce Dannecker, 648-9467

C/3/54 Enjoy the fall colors around the beautiful Pepacton Reservoir. Lunch in Margaretville at the east end. As always, there will be a hilly option, adding a couple of miles on the return. Bring snacks and water; no facilities between the two towns. Directions from Binghamton: NY 17 east about 57 miles to exit 90 (East Branch/ NY 30), NY 30 north 15 miles to Downsville. The park is on the right near the east end of town at the "Covered Bridge" sign. NOTE: If weather is "iffy", please call Friday eve. to verify plans.

SAT October 28th, 12:30 PM

Port Crane fishing access

Amy Tuthill, 724-5364

D/3/30 Meet for a short loop ride on the roads towards Tunnel. Longer route on the return is available if the group is interested. Treats will be provided for hungry peddlers at the end of the ride.

SUN October 29th, 1 PM

Eckerd Drug, Owego

Joan Hebb 729-9352

D/4/22 - Ride out to Iron Kettle Farm for the Halloween display.

SAT November 4th, 1 PM

Windsor, NY

Craig Thomas, 723-1565

B/3/23 - Meet at the Catholic church in Windsor (From Binghamton, East on NY17/I86 to Exit 79. Right at bottom of ramp, first right to church) for a ride to Susquehanna, PA and return. This ride should be just right for the B-paced afternoon ride in late fall.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We continue to work with local officials and communities to build or connect more "traffic-free" bike trails throughout Broome and Tioga Counties. You can help by sending in letters to your elected representatives seek-

ing more Bike Trails and simply spreading the word. There are some exciting D.O.T. projects underway to expand our Bike Trail system. Whenever possible, I will send out e-mails soliciting your support via letters to relevant Officials and/or Politicians on specific trail construction and/or expansion projects. I believe that some portion of Federal, State and local Transportation Funding must be allocated for safe Biking alternatives. Quite frankly, I would rather leave a legacy of Bike paths crisscrossing our region than another highway lane, parking lot or road. Another way to express your support for more trails is to join the "River Crawls" held on

Binghamton's River Trail at 6:00 PM on the Third Friday of each month. These "Crawls" will be held year-round, rain, snow or shine.

Of course, the best way to show people about how fun and efficient biking can be is to simply get out and ride and, if possible, bring along friends, colleagues or family. The more bikers we can get out, the more support we will have for Bike Trails. Enjoy the Autumn colors and I look forward to seeing you out on our rides.



Craig Thomas craigrthomas@yahoo.com 723-1565







September 23rd is Apple Fest in Endicott. Washington Avenue will be closed and be lined with booths for food, crafts, and music from 10 AM to 4 PM. Attendance last year was 4000 people and 60+ vendors. Also planned are Karate demonstrations and performances by local performers. I'd like to set up an STBC table, and talk to the interested people about the club, but I'm looking for some help with the table.

If you are not doing Bill Bennett's ride, then why not plan on coming over to Endicott to the STBC booth and talking bike riding with the visitors. If there's an interest we'll take a short ride afterwards and stop for something to eat.

If you are interested in helping with the table, contact me before September 15.

Don Gillespie bikes325@cs.com • 748-7635



STBC MEMBERSHIP

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City:		State: Zip:	E-mail:
□Include / □Do not include my name on the membership roster to other STBC members. □-Check here if you would like a copy of the newsletter mailed to you. Available online at http://www.southerntierbicycleclub.org) (Sign and date release and waiver below.)			
Release and Waiver of Liability for Bicycling (Not required if completing GFLBT registration form.)			
I will be participating in Southern Tier Bicycle Club activities, and:			
 I understand the nature of bicycling activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such activity. I further acknowledge that the activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if, at any time, I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the activity. 			
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I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature and intend it to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.			
Participant's Signature:			Date:



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OUT OF BOUNDS/AFFILIATED CLUB RIDES

These rides are organized by clubs and organizations other than STBC.

AIDS Ride for Life 06, Sept. 9, Ithaca, 100, 85, or 50-mile ride around Cayuga to benefit HIV/AIDS services in our community. Sponsored by the Southern Tier Aids Program. http://www.aidsrideforlife.org/

Century Weekend, September 9, 10, Mohawk Hudson Cycling Club, Saratoga Spa State Park, 25, 50, 62, and 100 mile rides. http://webmhcc.org

Endless Encounter Weekend Racing Festival (mtn bike), September 16th & 17th, Camp at East Lake, New Milford, PA, (Race # 11 Mid Atlantic Super Series) www.newmilfordbike.com/endless_encounter.htm

MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour, Cherry Hill, NJ September 16 & 17, Various mileage options; 1 or 2 day, http://www.ms150biketour.org/

Granite State Wheelman. Tri-State Seacoast Century, Sept 23-24, 2006. A beautiful flat century along the MA, NH, and ME coast line with fabulous ocean views along the entire route. Multiple options one or both days. http://www.granitestatewheelmen.org/SCC/SCC-HomePage.htm (STBC members can contact Paul Stankiewicz (thegod1@aol.com) with questions. He rec-

ommends the ride.)

Valley Forge to Philadelphia ride October 29, 2006. Meet at New Milford Bike shop and travel to Valley Forge - Philadelphia Trail for a ride to Philadelphia Art Museum. 48 mile scenic ride. Steve Bruno, bike195@epix.net http://www.newmilfordbike.com/Philadelphia.htm

Covered Bridges of Columbia County, PA Tour November 5, 2006. Meet at New Milford Bike shop and motor to Bloomsburg to start 40-mile mountain bike tour of Columbia County, PA. . Steve Bruno, bike195@epix.net http://www.newmilfordbike.com/Coveredbridges.htm

6th Annual Thanks Day Ride, November 23, 2006. Ride from the Hallstead Sunoco to Jane's Diner in Conklin, NY for breakfast. The ride is rated X4D20 Suitable for any bike, flat terrain at a relaxed pace for 20 miles. Steve Bruno, bike195@epix.net, http://www.newmilfordbike.com/TDAY.htm

For any more events, check out: http://www.nvbc.net/clubs/calendar/ index.shtml or http://www.cyclotour.com/events.htm

FALL HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Ever notice how clean and litter-free route 12 is from Kettleville to Chenango Forks? That's thanks to Craig Thomas and volunteers from the STBC! See the September 16 ride listing for details on the clean-up, preactivity breakfast, and post-activity ride.

TANDEM BIKE FOR SALE

Santana road tandem, 21-speed, 48-spoke wheels, size: 57 cm front - 52 cm. rear, color: blue. Includes Thule bike mount for car. Don Gillespie, 607-748-7635.

Local Bicycle Shops

Aeros Cyclery & Ski Center 640 Conklin Road, Binghamton • 724-7313 American Cycle Express (WWW sales - http://www.americancycle.com) 215 Vestal Pkwy. East, Vestal • 785-2477

Babcock Bicycles 110 W. Main Street, Endicott • 754-0886 BC Bicycles 215 Vestal Pkwy. East, Vestal • 785-3772

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Bike Rack 414 College Ave., Ithaca • 277-1010 Chenango Point Cycles 45 Washington Street, Binghamton • 724-7481

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