



A Gathering of Cyclists: BBC's Annual Spring Social & Meeting

A warm day was nature's backdrop for the BBC's Annual Spring Social held on March 25. After many enjoyed the wonderful weather with a good bike ride, cyclists gathered at Ascension Lutheran Church, 7- 10pm, for more fun and socializing. A great time was had by all, and why not!? With great food, a short meeting, and lots of time for conversation, this year's event met all expectations!

The hard-working committee—Gloria Epstein and Evie & Mike Reinsel, put together a winning menu and evening program. Everyone loves a good pizza, and the 7 varieties offered—like spinach, tomato and feta, Hawaiian, chicken tiki, and more, satisfied all tastes. A super fresh and delicious garden salad and always fantastic carrot cake made for a yummy Saturday night meal. A selection of wines--red/white, beers—Fat Tire Amber Ale, Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, and other drinks were flowing all evening. Thanks so much to the volunteers who gave of their time that evening to pick up food, set up tables, and help with food serving, registration, and clean up. That support made a big difference.

Besides the great food, the atmosphere was cozy and conducive to socializing the evening away, with only a small but important break for Renee Rees, our president, to welcome everyone and report on some new initiatives in the club. These included (1) one year free club membership to persons purchasing a new bike from local shops (2) a potluck/tailgate cluster start for multi-pace rides--scheduled date May 21st (3) expanding the BBC Meet-up group (online) to attract more and younger members. Four speakers followed Renee. Cindy Wyatt and Larry Kenny talked about the Civil War Century--the need for volunteers and the new bike jersey being developed this year. Bob Carson spoke about the Kent County Spring Fling and its 35th anniversary, all the great features of the event, and anniversary specials, like bike--themed giveaways, door prizes, and more. *Register for the Spring Fling by April 15 to avoid the late registration cost.* Jane Cole let everyone know about another wonderful event (Sept. 22-24, 2017), the 13th annual Weekend in Lancaster. *Register early to assure a spot for a great weekend of cycling in the Amish heartland.*

What can you say? We had another thoroughly enjoyable Spring Social. It didn't happen by luck. We know that, but it was well worth the effort and great to see people relaxed and having a good time. Enjoy the wonderful days of cycling ahead.

See you at next year's Social,

Evie, Gloria, & Mike