

RIDE OF SILENCE

WE JOIN AN EVENT WORLD WIDE

to honor the injured and loved ones who died

TOGETHER we will ride silent and slow

to raise awareness of cyclists rights on the road

MAYBE

you've heard stories or its happened to you, where a car will pull up, leaving an inch or two. They think it's funny, and that its okay

THEY THINK

CYCLISTS SHOULD GET OUT OF THEIR WAY

little do they know how wrong they are

THAT WE CYCLIST HAVE THE

SAME RIGHTS AS A CAR

IT'S BECAUSE OF THEIR IGNORANCE

When their tires veer

That our loved ones physically

ARE NO LONGER HERE

BUT THEIR MEMORIES WILL LIVE INSIDE US

UNTIL WE SEE THEM AGAIN

So tonight this ride is dedicated

TO EVER ONE OF THEM



May 20, 2015

6 pm

First Street Beach
Manistee MI

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In memory of Harry Nickell cyclist, father, soul mate and son

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FRIGHTENING MICHIGAN BICYCLE ACCIDENT INJURY AND DEATH STATISTICS (MDOT)

- Michigan children (ages 5-15) involvement in bicycle crashes is higher than national statistics. Thus, nearly 1/3 of this age group in Michigan is involved in a bicycle crash, and 1/4 (25.3%) are fatal/serious.
- Men are involved in 81% of all fatal bicycle crashes in Michigan
- Bicycle crash locations are nearly even, split between intersections and non-intersections (49% -m 51%)
- Despite the perceived safety of a signalized intersection, almost half of all fatal and serious injury bicycle accidents (48.9%) took place at signalized intersections.
- More than half of all fatal/serious injury bicycle accidents took place on two-lane roads (56.6%), followed by five-lane (13.8%), four-lane (12.9%) and three-lane (9.7%)
- Together, 25 and 30 mph streets (neighborhood and downtown streets accounted for 75.5%) of all bicycle crashes, but the majority of fatal bicycle crashes took place on streets/roads with a speed limit of 45 mph or greater even though they comprised only 19% of the crashes.
- Between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm (27.2%) of fatal and serious bicycle crashes took place, followed by 6:00pm to 9:00pm (21.8%) and 12:00pm to 3:00pm (18.5%)
- Alcohol was involved for the motorized or bicyclist in 30% of the fatal and serious bicycle crashes
- Two-thirds of fatalities occurred when the cyclist WAS NOT WEARING A HELMET!!!
- Six states made up over 50% of cycling traffic fatalities from 2010-2012.
- They are California, Florida, Illinois, New York, Texas and MICHIGAN!!!



LIVES LOST CYCLING IN MICHIGAN

QUENTIN SHERWOOD (BENZIE COUNTY) SEPTEMBER 16, 2002: Quentin was riding his bicycle and was hit by a driver who had consumed 5 alcoholic beverages and was driving 60 mph. Quentin was an award winning writer for the Manistee News Advocate, and his wife a teacher at Onekama High School. Quentin and his wife had started a local cycling group called Betsie Wheel Club, in 1998.

JOHN GERALD KUIPERS (MIDLAND) OCTOBER 31, 2004: John was fatally struck by a male driving a black Monte Carlo. The male driver left the scene, and the case remains unsolved.

JOHN MAST WEBER (MANISTEE) SEPTEMBER 24, 2007: John was cycling eastbound on M-55 when he was struck from behind by a vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Manistee County Sheriff's office. Driver of vehicle fled the scene, but was later captured.

JACQUELINE ROBINSON (DETROIT) SEPTEMBER 19, 2008: Jacqueline was riding her bike home at night after providing care-giving services to an elderly man, and was struck by a driver and dragged 100 feet before the driver sped off. The driver, a female, age 44, was caught and convicted. Jacqueline was a petite woman at 4'11" and 100 pounds. She was working hard to raise her two sons, Bruce, 13 and Keith, 11.

TIMOTHY PINCIKOWSKI (ANN ARBOR) JULY 28, 2009: Timothy, 45, of Saline, was riding his bicycle when the rear end of it was struck by the front passenger side of a Dodge Caravan, which was traveling in the same direction. The driver of the van, a 20 year old man, was not injured; however, Timothy was rushed to University of Michigan Hospital, where he died a short time later.

BETH MAUPIN (CANTON) JULY 21, 2011: Beth was a 27 year old wife who was training for a triathlon that she planned to run with her brother. She was walking her bike across the street when a vehicle making a right hand turn apparently did not see her, striking her and killing her.

MARY BURROWS (ANN ARBOR) JUNE 26, 2012: Mary was a 53 year old wife who was struck by a vehicle and killed a day before her wedding anniversary. She regularly rode her bike along the roads in Dexter Township, and loved any kind of outdoor activity. She drove in front of a vehicle and the driver said that he did not see her.

LARRY MARTIN (WYOMING/GRAND RAPIDS) JULY 9, 2012: Larry was struck by a car while riding his bicycle on Byron Center Avenue at the M-6 bike trail crosswalk. He was taken to the hospital but died of his injuries. Larry was described as a big-hearted grandfather and volunteer. He was training for an upcoming ride across Iowa.

HAL WILLIAMS (DETROIT) SEPTEMBER 29, 2012: Hal was killed after being hit by an automobile. News of Williams death came just days after an eight year old boy was killed on a bicycle in Detroit. Hal was described as being in his mid-60's and loved to cycle. "Everyone got along with him and he was just a super nice guy", describes one of his cycling buddies.

KELLY (HURLBERT) BOYNCE (TRAVERSE CITY) July 5, 2013: Kelly was riding within 12 inches of the curb in a parking lane on a residential street at two o'clock in the morning on her way home from work when she was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver. Kelly and her husband Paul both loved Traverse City because they could ride everywhere, they had a car but they didn't have to use it hardly at all. She died the week before her first wedding anniversary.

JILL BYELICH (LANSING) September 2, 2014: Jill was riding her bicycle near her home when she was struck and killed by a car driven by a 23 year old woman. It was believed that the driver was driving distracted. Jill was rushed to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead. Jill was a 35 year old mother of two young boys. she was described as health conscious and safety conscious. She had recently returned to cycling and had been cycling for two months.

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Ride of Silence Press Release

In May 20013, Chris Phelan organized the first Ride of Silence in Dallas after endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz was hit by the mirror of a passing bus and was killed. The ride was a solemn event, to remember Larry and all cyclist killed while riding their bikes. It was only supposed to be a onetime event, but as word got out about the ride, many cyclists contacted Chris with the desire to participate in this event.

Although cyclists have a legal right to share the road with motorists, the motoring public often isn't aware of these rights, and sometimes not aware of the cyclists themselves. The ride has several goals:

To HONOR those who have been injured or killed

To RAISE AWARENESS that we are here

To ask that we all SHARE THE ROAD

This will be Manistee's first ride of silence. We are riding in memory of John Mast Weber who was killed on September 22, 2007 as well as all others who have been killed. Over 700 cyclists are killed each year while riding. Most of them occur in our cities, and suburbs. With this ride, we hope to educate motorists that cyclists have the legal right to the road and to watch out for us.

The Ride of Silence is similar to a funeral procession. The ride will be slow (max 12 miles per hour). There will be no talking, only silence, to remember our fallen brothers and sisters. Black armbands are worn in memory of those who have been killed; red armbands are worn for those injured while riding.

Riders will assemble at the First Street Beach house at 6 pm on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. All cyclists are required to wear helmets, follow the rules of the road and remain silent during the ride. There are no sponsors and no registration fees.

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Additional information available at the Ride of Silence Web Page <http://www.rideofsilence.org/main.php>