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On The Cover; Stephen Ebaugh rides along railroad tracks .

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President's Corner

Hi all,

Your new USA Board has been hard at work since NAUCC 2011. The new website is up and running (thanks to Aaron and Scott!). Check it out at <http://uniusa.org> . While there please note the new USA logo, as well as the addition of USA meeting minutes, USA Board minutes, and more. We're working on online membership renewal; look for it soon!

Speaking of USA memberships, Hans (Treasurer and Membership Chairperson extraordinaire), has finally managed to update the USA database and send renewal reminders to previous/existing USA members. Please contact him should you have any questions about your membership.

Team USA for UNICON XVI is pretty well established though there are still a number of openings for Team USA members in certain events. Contact uniconxvi.teamusa@gmail.com with any questions or comments you may have.

NAUCC 2012 is set for July 10 – 15, 2012 in Saline, Michigan. See the article included in this OOW for more information.

As always, please let me know should you have any pressing issues.

Wendy Grzych
USA, Inc., President

Attention ALL USA Members



On One Wheel is going through several changes that you need to be aware of!

- **Firstly, On One Wheel is going completely green!** We will no longer be mailing out issues because we'd like to save paper. You can still go to a local library and print the issue if you wish of course, but that will be up to you from now on.

- **Second, and most importantly, I cannot stress how hard it is to get people to send in photos, videos, and most of all, articles!** I'm asking YOU, the reader, to PLEASE help me out! Take five minutes out of your day to send me photos or videos from your ride or an article if you're feeling productive.

- **I'm asking clubs to please nominate one person to be the club update writer.** This section is very easy to do! It's great for parents who don't ride but want to be involved. All you need to do is type up about a page in Microsoft Word about what your club has been up to since the last issue of On One Wheel. Photos are welcome and encouraged. Plus, they take up lots of space if your club hasn't been very busy!

- **Teens, this is for you.** I know many of you take incredible photos and shoot/edit videos of you and your friends riding. Don't you want everyone in the USA to see them? Please send me links to your videos and I will gladly include them! You can even just send a direct link to your Youtube account or Facebook video page. I'd also love to have a huge photo section at the end of On One Wheel but this isn't possible without your contributions. Please help this be possible!

- **For those of you who attend unicycling events; I need your help.** Many of us are uninformed about the events coming up or what happened at them. Please send a blurb about any upcoming events in your area. A follow up article after the event is also great to see! Who knows, maybe it will even get more guests to come!

- **Finally, the contact list for people who write articles is being updated.** I send out an email to those who regularly submit things to On One Wheel (usually the board members and representative from each club). I am updating this list. Please email this form to me if you'd like to be a part of this list. If you are on the list already, please confirm that you'd like to stay on. If nobody from your club confirms a position, we will not know what is going on in your club!

Name:

Email:

Club:

Are you the club update writer?

Are you currently on the list?

Nationals 2012: Michigan

Contact Info: visit <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=57367738577> for more information about HOW

Artistic Events: Group Freestyle, Pairs Freestyle, Individual Freestyle, Standard Skill and Club Events (see below)

Club Events:

Each competitor who belongs to a USA Affiliated Club has the opportunity to compete in 2 Club events this summer.

Each USA Affiliated Club may enter 1 group of riders in the traditional Club Show and 1 group of riders in the Intermediate Club Show. Riders may not ride in both events.

- The traditional Club Show – see p. 22 of the Rulebook. The winners earn the title of National Club Show Champions.

OR

- Intermediate Club Show - 3 minutes in length - the same judging as traditional Club Show. This event is for riders whose USA Level is below their club's regulations for club show (a.k.a. Show Group).

AND

- The All Club Show – 6 minutes in length – the same judging as traditional Club Show. Open only to clubs who wish to include *all riders in a true club routine.

*All riders – a minimum of 3 riders or at least 20% of riders, whichever is greater, must be riding at or below USA Level 3

Racing Events: 800m, 400m, 100m, 50m 1-ft, 30m/10m ww, obstacle course, slow forward and backward, relay, ultimate wheel, track coasting, juggling

Distance Events: Marathon, 10k, Criterium

Plus: trials, street, flatland, basketball, and hockey

Awards will be distributed throughout NAUCC 2012.

Any suggestions, comments, or questions should be directed to the event host, Amanda Grzych, grzych.amanda@gmail.com.



Teen Leadership Program

Contact Info: visit www.tcuc.org for more information about the Twin Cities Unicycle Club`



Hi Everyone!

The Teen Leadership Program is finally beginning this year with a new leader, Amanda Grzych. To be qualified to be a part of the program, you must be between the ages of 14-18 (or older if you're willing to help) or in 9th-12th grade.

We will begin working on projects as quickly as possible. To make this happen, we will have a Facebook page where elections can be held and ideas can be shared at a much quicker pace as opposed to email. Once all of the members have added themselves, the page will be created and we'll divide into teams and elect leaders.

The first week of January will be the official start date for the teens. We'll establish a day to have a Skype meeting online and accomplish the following:

1. Elect leaders and divide into teams
2. Distribute jobs that the USA Board needs done
3. Establish our project goals
4. Set the next meeting date

I know that many of you have already filled out many papers before and I do apologize, but this is the last form that you'll be forced to fill out. Please fill it out and email it to Amanda at grzych.amanda@gmail.com before the New Year.

Name:

Facebook Name (if different):

Birthday:

Email:

Additional Comments or Concerns:

*Nothing makes the earth so spacious as to
have friends at a distance.*

Board Meeting Minutes

USA Board Meeting Agenda – November 6, 2011

I. The meeting was called to order by Wendy Grzych at 6:05pm

Attending: President: Wendy Grzych, Vice President: Max Schulze, Treasurer: Hans Mills, Secretary: Bob Griffin, OOW editor: Amanda Grzych, Director: Scott Wilton, Webmaster: Aaron Schmitz - Webmaster
Not Present: Director: Bonnie Messing, Director: Nicole Crook, Director: Joe Lind, Connie Cotter, John Foss

II. Old Business

- A. IRS update - Hans
 - No progress since last meeting
- B. USA logo – Hans (we need to think about USA patches)
 - New logo is on the site.
- C. USA website update – Aaron and Scott
 - Aaron and Scott reported the new site is up.
- D. Online USA renewals
 - Aaron is very busy and is hoping to get to this around Christmas time
- E. Teen Business – can we get going on records?
 - Ryan has decided to step down because he does not have the time to do the work he wants to do with the organization
 - Wendy has offered to put Amanda in charge
- F. NAUCC 2012 update – Wendy/Amanda
 - Club Show (new) will be included this year. RTUC wants to do it this way. This will provide a chance to level the field and give everyone a chance to compete instead of just the best riders from a club.
 - RTUC will be asking again if trophies can be excluded
 - Amanda will be the hostess
- G. Any active committee work – Connie/Ryan/Carol
 - We believe the Rules committee has not started yet.
 - Ryan will still do the Level Tester training via Skype.
- H. Team USA qualification
 - Openings In virtually every category and event.

III. Current Board Members' and Chairpersons' Reports

- A. Hans, Treasurer
 - Started month with 733 and increased by 76 and now are up to 809 paid members.

IV. Announcements

- A. Upcoming Uni Events
 1. UNICON XVI
 2. NAUCC 2012
- B. Anything else?
 - Scott mentioned that the Arizona Muni festival usually happens in February and an Ashville weekend also occurs.

V. Meeting Adjourned: 6:30pm

** For the complete meeting minutes, visit uniusa.org.

Unifest 2011

The second annual NYC Unicycle Festival rolled across the Big Apple on Labor Day Weekend 2011. Produced by Bindlestiff Family Cirkus, the three day festival started on September 2 with Brooklyn Unicycle Day (proclaimed by borough president Marty Markowitz). Brooklyn Unicycle Day features a 13 mile one wheeled journey across the Brooklyn Bridget to Coney Island. Fifty seven unicyclists took part in the ride across the Brooklyn Bridge. The majority of which kept rolling and completed the 13 mile trek to Coney Island culminating a public display at Deno's Wonder Wheel.

The main day of the festival, Saturday, September 3, took place on Governors Island. Activities included unicycle hockey, the Hell on Wheel Trials Course, one wheeled races, a world record attempt, a learn to ride area, and an exhibition unicycle basketball game. The high energy match was King Charles Troupe, the world's most famous unicycle basketball team vs. Puerto Rican Nationals, ten time world champions. This historic unicycle basketball game ended with the Puerto Rican Nationals winning by one point, 37 to 36. Over 350 people participated in the one wheel activities, ranging from professional unicycle riders to individuals and families trying one wheel for the first time. The world record attempt set a state record though not a Guinness record with a human unicycle chain featuring 155 unicyclists. Saturday festivities ended with a public showcase featuring the King Charles Troupe, the Dangerous Comedy of Dave Cox, a unicycle demonstration by the festival's youngest rider Ziggy Cohen, and Kyle Petersen's combo stunt featuring juggling, unicycling, and hula hooping.

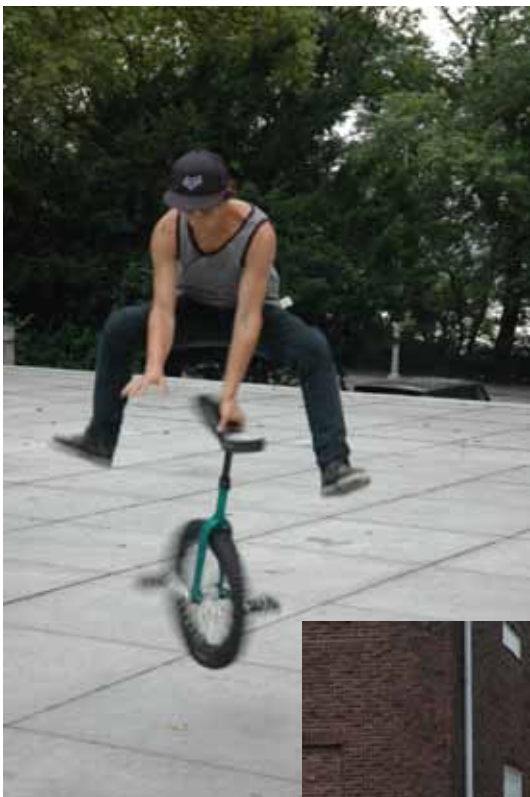
On Sunday the festival moved to Grant's Tomb, the long-time home of the NYC Unicycle Club. Sunday provided a chance for experienced riders to attempt to ride some of the more unique unicycles: crabs, small wheels, stacked wheels, ultimate wheels, impossible wheels, and more. Throughout the day multiple giraffe unicycles took to the sky, with riders towering 5 to 10 feet above the pavement.

Festival Director Keith Nelson is already making plans for the 2012 NYC Unicycle Festival. <http://ny-cunifest.com>



Riders from the New York Unifest. Photo from Keith Nelson.

Unifest 2011 Photos



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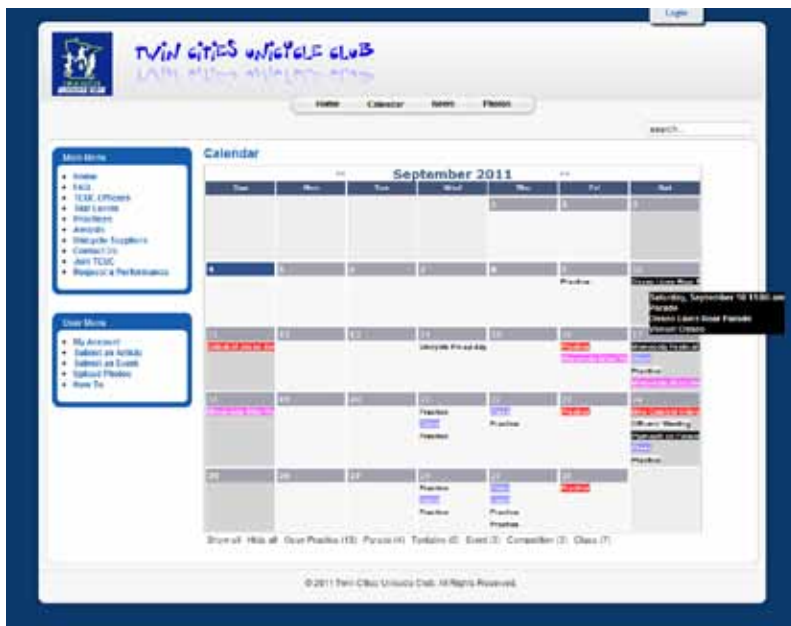
TCUC's Website

Contributed by Chris O'Brien and Aaron Schmitz

The Twin Cities Unicycle Club recently launched a brand new website at tcuc.org. When we decided to redesign the TCUC website, we asked ourselves a number of questions. Why do unicycle clubs need a website, and what purpose should it have? Is the goal to inform current members, to recruit new members, or both? Are we trying to entertain and enlighten the public in general, or are we trying to stay in contact with past members? Yes, yes and yes!



For the past couple of months TCUC members Aaron Schmitz and Chris O'Brien have been diligently working on a new website design with a modern look and feel. The website which was launched right before NAUCC 2011 is primarily utilized by members looking for updates, pictures, and videos. Additional features have also been added to help recruit new members. We are still updating the content, and we will continue adding new content as necessary.



One exciting new feature of the new website is the calendar. Our online calendar allows the insertion of events with enhanced details such as maps and descriptions. As our club has grown and expanded to have members across the nation and regular events in both Minnesota and western Wisconsin, it has become evident that we will have conflicting events – particularly practices! Everybody likes to attend practices, but with duplicate practices several nights a week, sometimes the question becomes, “Which practice should I go to?” With the new calendar interface, information on the times and distances are only a click or two away – simplifying the decision making process.

Minnesota MUni Weekend

Minnesota MUni Weekend has an interesting history. The first five years of this great event was at Lutsen Ski Resort and the next four years have enjoyed a new location every year. The event's organizer has also changed a couple times over the years. However, the one thing that has remained constant is the people. This is the reason I come back every year and why I enjoying organizing it each summer.

The first year I ever attended, I was a frightened girl of 13. I didn't know any other unicyclists except the people from my hometown club. I was new to the unicycling world outside of my safe small circle. I don't remember exactly why I wanted to go, but I'm glad my parents let me. If you asked me what my memories of that trip are, I would have to tell you most of my memories are from hanging out around the evening campfire while everyone told stories of the day's ride. All I remember of the riding that weekend was how SORE it made me for the following week. As painful as it was in the days following, I knew as soon as I got home that I wanted to go again next year. The people were so much fun and so welcoming to a timid child, that I had an amazing time.

After five years of riding at Lutsen, the resort closed their doors in the fall to mountain biking (and unicycling) so we had to relocate. Since then, each subsequent year has been on a different trail around Minnesota. After six years of being the main organizer, Andy Cotter passed the reins onto me. I was an eager high school senior that just couldn't wait to take over. The only problem was that I had no clue what I was doing or what to expect!

When I started putting together the first event on my own, I placed all my focus on the rides and logistics. I forgot the most important and memorable thing: the people. The people were the reason I loved the event so much and what brought me back to Minnesota Muni Weekend year after year.

After a few tries, I think I've found a good balance between figuring out the logistics and letting the people guide the weekend. As an organizer, my goal is first to provide the structure and base for the event. But then it is the unicyclists who come who make it what it is each year. Without them, the event is just a ride. All the time and planning that goes into the event means nothing until the unicyclists have arrived.

So to everyone who has attended a Minnesota MUni Weekend, thank you. Thank you for your contribution to the event simply by your attendance. For those who haven't joined us yet, I hope you be there in 2012. We would love to have you part of our ride, our stories, and our history. Enjoy the photos from this year. See you next year!

Witten by Kirsten Goldstein



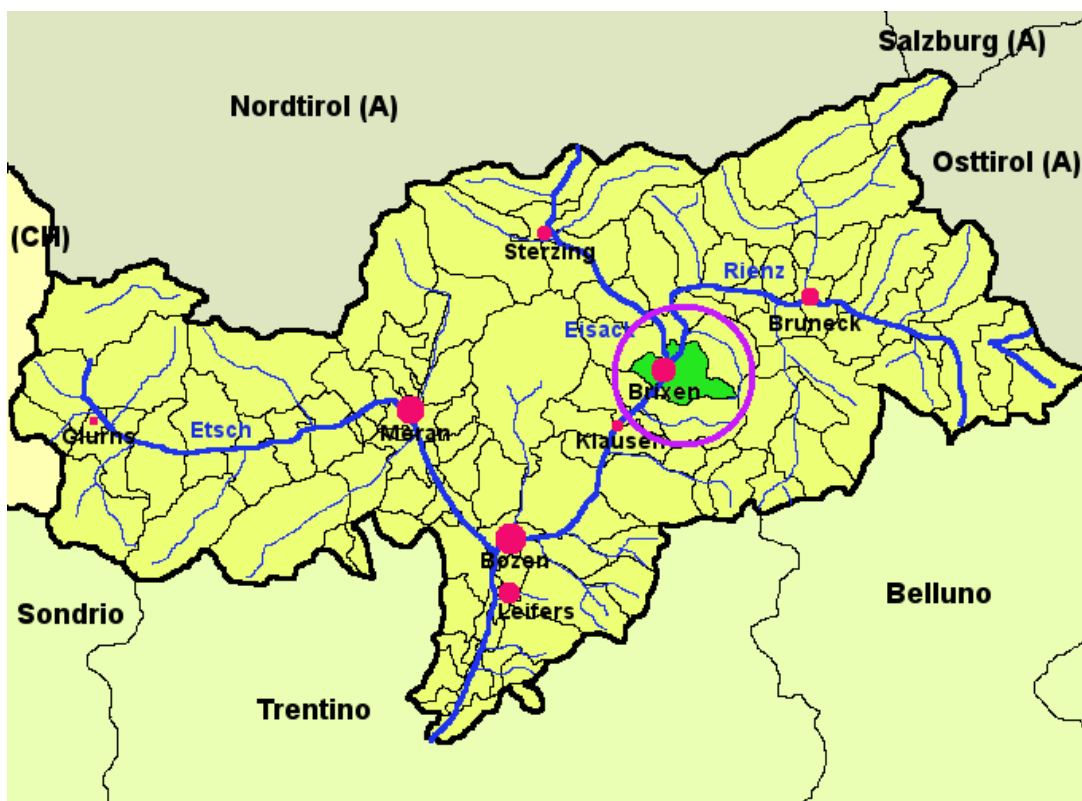
Group shots from the rides at the Minnesota MUni Weekend.

Certification of USA Skill Level Testers

Due to time constraints at NAUCC 2011, the USA was unable to certify official Skill Level testers for 2012. If you are interested in attending a Skype session to become certified, please email Ryan Woessner, ryan.woessner@gmail.com, by December 1, 2011, to set-up an appointment. Skill Level Testing Workshops will last for approximately one hour, with time at the end for general questions and answers. All members of the USA are eligible to become certified Skill Level testers.

UNICON XVI, Italy 2012

UNICON XVI, the 16th World Unicycling Championships and Convention, will be taking place in beautiful Brixen, Italy, from July 19-31, 2012. Unicyclists from around the world and of all levels are encouraged to attend what is sure to be the largest gathering of unicyclists in the history of the sport. While some competitor limits exist for a limited number of events, these are very unlikely to effect North American competitors (for information in regards to competitor limits, please contact USA Director Bonnie Messing). Additionally, the registration fee for competitors and non-competitors will increase on January 1, 2012, so register before New Year's to guarantee the lower cost. For more information, please visit the event's webpage, <http://unicon16.it>, or contact International Unicycling Federation President Ryan Woessner (ryan.woessner@gmail.com).



I Wanna Ride and Roll

Solution - 11 letters

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Words to Find

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