

Thanks to everyone for showing up! We had a huge turnout of new riders and are excited to be riding all year long with such great company.

For those that missed the meeting but still want to join, please fill out these forms and bring them *plus your team dues* to the Intramural Sports (IM) office in the Student Recreation Center: http://www.csmrecsports.com/clubsports/individual_forms.htm. Put them in the Cycling mailbox. Brandon will email you to confirm that he got it, plus arrange a time/place to get you a team t-shirt.

Now for the good stuff - nearly everything we discussed during tonight's meeting. This is loooong, but hang in there, save it, and refer to it throughout the semester. Feel free to email Brandon/Topher with any questions!

Contacts:

Brandon Turman, MTB President – bturman@mines.edu

Topher Hurley, Road President – churley@mines.edu

Website: www.CSMcycling.com

Dues categories are 'Racer' and 'Non-racer'. Dues are \$40/semester for racers and \$20/semester for non-racers.

Non-racer benefits:

- Mines Cycling t-shirt
- Group rides
- The opportunity to get PA credit in the Spring (you must have also completed two semesters of PA before committing to credit through the cycling team)
- Free entry into all Mines Cycling events
- Team jerseys and shorts at cost pricing. Check the 'store' link of the website to see what's currently available by searching for 'team only'.
- Sponsorship deals with Bikeparts.com, Peak Cycles (15% off in store), Curve (Apparel at cost), Backcountry.com (20% discount code) and Del's Tonsorial Parlor (½ price haircuts, must have flyer)

Racer benefits:

- All of the non-racer perks, plus . . .
- Sponsorship discounts with Morewood Bikes: www.MorewoodBikes.com
- Name decals from VC Graphix
- ½ of your gas cost to races, provided you have 2+ people in your car
- Entry fees are covered at all MTB and Road collegiate races (however, license fees are not covered, see 'license requirement' below)
- Lodging will be provided during the road season. We camp during the MTB season, with the exception of Nationals, and will cover any camping fees
- The chance to make the National Team and travel to Collegiate Nationals, all expenses paid

MTB racing occurs in the fall. The schedule/race details are available here:
<http://www.rmccc.org/Rmccc%20Calendar.htm>

Road racing occurs in the spring. The schedule will be released in early November.

Racing classes consist of A, B, and C categories with Male and Female divisions. A's are the fastest riders, while C's are those entering the sport. You can pick a class at your discretion, but must qualify for A's by filling out this form: <http://www.rmccc.org/data/CatAWaiverMTN.pdf>. Bring it to the registration booth of the first event you race as an A.

License requirement: Visit USA Cycling to purchase a collegiate license for \$30 - attach your license to the CSM team: <http://www.usacycling.org/news/user/story.php?id=579>. You must buy one if you'll be racing A's. If you're a B or C rider, it also makes financial sense to purchase one if you'll race more than three events - you will be charged \$10 at each race if you do not have a collegiate license. If you won't be racing 'til the spring, don't purchase a license until after January 1st.

Carpools should be arranged in our 'carpool' section of the team forum, here: <http://csmcycling.16.forumer.com/viewforum.php?f=3>. **Please post on the forum if you have room in your vehicle!** For those that don't have vehicles, if you haven't found a ride to a race by Thursday of that race's weekend, email bturman@mines.edu. He should be able to coordinate a ride for you.

National Team selection is based on consistency at races and overall placement in the standings. You must race a minimum of 3 A category races to be considered for nationals.

Group rides are posted on the calendar: <http://minescycling.famundo.com/public/calendars>. If you're headed out, post your ride up by following the directions at the bottom of this page: http://www.mines.edu/stu_life/organ/bike/calendar.html.

Trail day at SolVista will take place on Thursday, September 13 in preparation for our home event. We will be riding/marking the courses and making necessary improvements/changes throughout the day. Your full gas cost will be covered provided you have 2+ people in your car. Lunch will also be provided. Please email bturman@mines.edu for more details if you're willing to help this day.

SolVista Basin Race, September 15-16: This is our home event. We expect over 350 total entries for downhill, XC, and short track from other collegiate teams and the public. Everyone at Mines gets free entry (we will not cover license fees, however. See the above 'license requirement' section). While you're up there, if you're not racing/practicing, please ask around to see if you can help with the event. Ideally we'll have 8-10 people available at all times to help as needed. Race details are here: http://www.mines.edu/stu_life/organ/bike/racing.html

CSU Race, September 8-9: This is the first event for the MTB season. They are hosting XC, downhill, and short track races. Remember to setup a carpool and to purchase your license before heading up there. Race details are <http://www.rmccc.org/Rmccc%20Calendar.htm>.