

The Ride Of Silence

A little history of this ride and how it came to be....

The 2003 Ride of Silence™ at White Rock Lake in Dallas drew 1,000 cyclists through word of mouth and email communication over a period of only ten days. There was no registration and no fees. Local media reported the ride to be incredibly moving as these cyclists rode in silence, occasionally wiping away a tear or patting a friend on the back.

Chris Phelan, a friend of Mr. Schwartz (a cyclist hit and killed by a mirror from a passing bus) and the person responsible for starting this initiative, thought the ride was a one-time event. However, as word got out other cyclists began to contact him with a desire to do the same thing in their own communities.

It has grown to:

- 31 States
- 8 Countries
- 114 rides scheduled for 2019

RideOfSilence.org



*Share
the
Road*

ABOUT THE BBC

Founded in 2003, the Bellevue Bicycle Club's mission is the encouragement and support of cycling in all its forms. We sponsor cycling activities of our own, provide interested parties with tours of local trails, offer instruction in bicycle maintenance and safety, and provide members an opportunity to share their experiences and come together in fun social activities. Our members participate in many multi-day rides in the Omaha area and around the country. We promote bicycling as transportation with Bike to Work Day support, and advocate the safest of cycling practices. With the support of local bike shops, funds in the past have gone to the Omaha Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, and Heartland Family Services, Make-A-Wish Nebraska, Sarpy County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and Team RWB among others.

We welcome riders of all ages and encourage bicycling as a family activity. Our weekly Saturday Morning Coffee ride is a great way for us to meet you and introduce you to our rapidly growing ranks. We meet at the trailhead behind Culvers in Bellevue (3602 Raynor Pkwy) and ride at an easy pace. We stop for breakfast along the way and finish the ride home. The start times change with the seasons and are updated on our website and calendar.

Our meetings are monthly, usually the first Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. at Richmond Village, 702 Ft. Crook Road South, Bellevue, NE. Our meetings are open and we welcome visitors. Attending a meeting is another excellent for you to get acquainted with our group and our activities.



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Advocating Safe Cycling in the Heartland

13th Annual • Omaha Area



Wednesday, May 15, 2019

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Twin Creek Trail Head at
36th St. and Raynor PKWY, Bellevue
(behind Culver's)**



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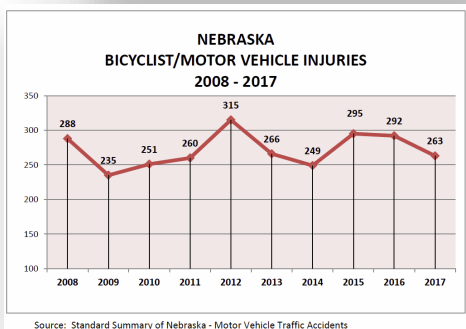
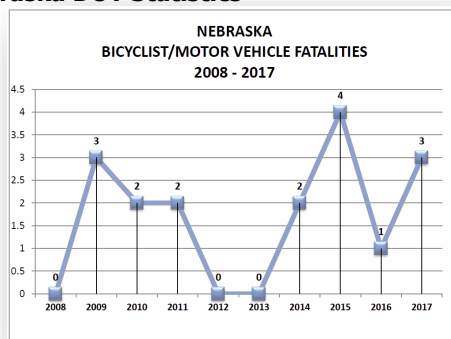
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Our Goals

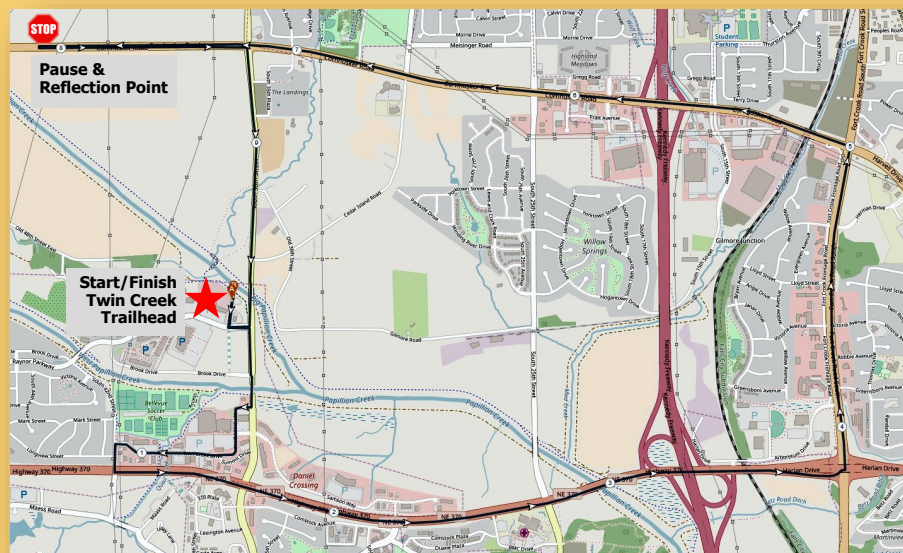
1. Bringing greater awareness to the General Public as to the number of car / bicycle fatalities in Nebraska, in an effort to reduce or eliminate future deaths.
2. Promote safe cycling through rider awareness and motorist awareness of the laws for cyclists in Nebraska.
3. Promote **Share the Road** with motorists and cyclists

In Nebraska, since 2000, more than 5,000 car / bicycle accidents with injuries have taken place

Nebraska DOT Statistics



Ride of Silence 2019 Route ~ 10 miles



Ride Starts at 7:00 p.m.

Leaves from the Twin Creek Trail Head
36th Street and Raynor Parkway (behind
Culver's).

Ride South to Hwy 370.

East to Fort Crook Road to Cornhusker
Road.

West on Cornhusker Road to the Reflection
Point for a Memorial pause where a cyclist
was killed in October 2005.

Turn around on Cornhusker, ride to 36
Street and turn South to the Trailhead.



Riders Pause at the Reflection Point—to Remember all Cyclists killed or injured



- The Ride of Silence is a *no cost, no registration* ride at a slow pace of 10 to 12 mph.
- The 10-mile route is expected to take about 60 minutes and will be accompanied by a Motorcycle police escort provided by the Bellevue Police Dept.
- The route will include parts of Highway 370, Fort Crook Road., Cornhusker Road and 36th Street.
- All riders are asked to ride in silence and wear a helmet.