ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WORLD NAKED BIKE RIDE AS IT OCCURS IN MADISON, WISCONSIN

O: What is the date of the bike ride?

A: We have always held the Madison WNBR on the third Saturday of June. This is one week after the traditional world-wide WNBR date for the Northern Hemisphere. That date is observed by the Chicago WNBR, and we purposely schedule ours later so that riders may choose to participate in both.

Q: What time does it start?

A: We will start gathering at 9:00 AM for snacks, socializing, body painting, etc. The ride will be at 11:00.

Q: Where does it start?

A: For reasons of security, we follow the example of Chicago WNBR in not revealing the start location. We will establish a checkpoint from which eligible participants (those with bicycles or other HPV) will be escorted to the actual staging area. This checkpoint will be communicated to http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/WorldNakedBikeRideMadison (the members of the Yahoo! group) within a day or two of the event. The location will be within a few miles of the capitol, and it will be a venue shielded from public view.

Q: Is it legal to be nude in Madison?

A: The short answer to that is "yes"; there is no state or local law that prohibits nudity that is not in an "indecent" context. However, the laws prohibiting disorderly conduct are very broad, and may be applied to just about anything that makes anyone upset. To the credit of the Madison Police Department, after a rocky start in our first year, they now seem to understand, and have been completely hands-off in recent years. So we would say that there is no need to be hesitant about riding fully nude. If you have any reservations, start the ride clothed and play it by ear from there.

Q: How long is the route?

A: The route will be in the range of 10-12 miles, and take between 1.5 and 2 hours. We will maintain a fairly leisurely pace.

Q: How much does it cost to participate?

A: Zero. Anyone should be able to join in, regardless of any monetary considerations. As long as you can bring along a bike or other HPV, you have fulfilled all requirements. For those who would like to help defray expenses, donations will be accepted after the ride.

Q: Do you have any further advice for those who would like to participate?

A: Yes, lots. There is an excellent FAQ page on the main international WNBR site: http://wiki.worldnakedbikeride.org/index.php?title=Frequently_asked_questions