

SUMMARY OF TCC SURVEY RESULTS

In summary our survey was quite successful with 51 respondents which is about half of the TCC membership. Most (86%) who responded would consider themselves B-riders (47%) or A-riders (39%). While only 14% would consider themselves a C rider. It is overwhelmingly clear that TCC riders do want to move up in the ranks. While some C riders (20%) want to move up to the ranks to B and some beginners (3%) want to move up to C, most riders (77%) want to move up the ranks from B to A or to maintain being an A rider. Responses show that 90% of our riders ride over 30 miles at a time and 96% average over 13mph. Since most riders (55%) are moving at above 16mph and over half (51%) are riding over 50 miles at a stretch it does appear that most members are aspiring to become or maintain A-rider status which will make for larger A-rides. Given that, it makes sense that 90% are interested in riding a century. So, get your gear ready for 100 miles of pure unadulterated wind-in-your-face rides!

The survey indicates that just over half (51%) of those members who responded to our survey ride three to four days a week. One-quarter of the respondents ride only one or two days but nearly as many (18%) ride five to six days a week. Only 6% are lucky enough to be able to ride every day. There were 37 respondents who ride any day of the week which is a whopping 73%. It may be surprising but there were only 16% who ride *only* on weekends. Those who ride Saturday (2%) or Sunday (2%) exclusively make up only a small portion of TCC riders. It is clear that most TCC riders do not ride exclusively on the weekends.

When it comes to what interests TCC riders, nearly half (47%) are interested in structured training, just over one third (36%) are interested in interval training and just over one quarter (27%) are interested in time trials. There were 25 write-ins for question 3. While some are interested in hill workouts, trail rides, recovery rides, core strength training, faster, slower, shorter, or longer rides most are interested in social and group rides. There is also a lot of interest in bike trips. Specifically weekend bike trips (52%) and camping style bike trips (32%). So, maybe a weekend cycling camping trip could be planned. There were 53% who were interested in either trips to nowhere special or to places like Newport, Mystic, MA, NY, NJ, or even PA.

TCC members overwhelmingly want advanced (67%) and basic (43%) bike maintenance classes at Scott's. I have discussed this with him and he seems eager to host TCC advanced and basic maintenance classes on some upcoming Sunday. Group ride etiquette is also something members are interested in learning and I believe this is something that is necessary to keep our members safe and happy. We will have to figure out how to structure this.

What do you want? You want new uniforms (27%), caps (22%), socks (20%), arm warmers (16%), and jerseys (11%). Other suggestions of gear include shoes, padded shorts for long distance, rain gear, a vest, knee warmers, knickers, tights, TCC shirts, a sleeveless top, shorts, and a jacket. We are planning to make some of these available this year and hopefully using a survey will help us focus our purchases on items members really want.

TCC Survey Results

51 total complete responses

Question 1 (1 response only)

During the week I ride _____.

- 51% 3-4 days
- 25% 1-2 days
- 18% 5-6 days
- 6% everyday

Question 2 (1 response only)

I ride my bike _____.

- 73% ride any day
- 16% ride on weekends
- 8% ride on weekdays
- 2% ride Sundays only
- 2% ride Saturdays only

Question 3 (multiple responses)

I am interested in doing _____.

- 58% **WRITE IN***
- 47% Structured Training
- 36% Interval Training
- 27% Time Trials

Question 4 (1 response only)

I consider myself _____.

- 47% B rider
- 39% A rider
- 14% C rider

Question 5 (1 response only)

My fitness goals include advancing up the ranks from _____.

- 77% B to A
- 20% C to B
- 3% Beginner to C

Question 6 (1 response only)

My average speed is _____ mph.

- 55% 16+
- 41% 13 – 15
- 4% 10 – 12

Question 7 (1 response only)

I ride _____ miles.

- 51% 50+
- 39% 30 – 50
- 10% 10 – 30

Question 8 (1 response only)

How do you feel about riding a century this year?

72% I definitely will be riding a century this year.

18% I'm interested in giving it a try no promises.

10% I am not interested...YET.

0% Have already done one this year.

Question 9 (multiple responses)

I would be interested in a _____.

52% weekend bike trip

32% Camping style bike trip

30% one day trip to **WRITE IN***

23% Trip to nowhere

20% week long bike trip

11% non-cycling trip

Question 10 (multiple responses)

I would like to learn more about _____.

67% advanced bike maintenance classes at Scott's (replacing chains, cassettes)

43% basic bike maintenance classes at Scott's (changing ties, bar tape)

43% Group ride etiquette

Question 11 (multiple responses)

I want _____ this year?

36% **WRITE IN***

31% nothing more than wind in my face

27% a new rockin' TCC uniform

22% a TCC cap

20% TCC socks

16% arm warmers

11% a new TCC jersey

Write in answers

Question 3 I am interested in doing _____.

1. C+ rides
2. Hill workouts
3. Trail rides, not kill myself, socialize, different
4. Group rides
5. Occasional any of the above
6. OPEN ENDED RIDES
7. Recovery rides (Mondays, and in the Fall/Winter)
8. Exercise
9. New roads
10. Core strength training
11. Sometimes start at different locations on Saturday
12. Long moderate rides
13. Social Group Rides are great!
14. All of the above
15. In becoming a better cyclist
16. Fast group rides
17. Whatever
18. Social rides & teaching better riding behavior
19. Social and training rides for touring
20. 200 miles every time I go out and take all signs
21. group rides
22. nice rides with nice people
23. racing
24. long group rides
25. group rides

Question 9 I would be interested in a _____.

1. a cookout at a park
2. no preference
3. Bike NYC, Bloomin Metric, Lobster Ride ME
4. anywhere with good roads
5. new territory
6. Newport or Mystic etc
7. start in a different area, maybe an hour away
8. somewhere with no killer hills-about 60mi
9. anywhere with hills
10. Massachusetts, PA, NJ
11. along the shore
12. anywhere
13. Shelter Island

Question 11 I want _____ this year?

1. a plane ticket to see Lance and Levi at AToC
2. shoes
3. High quality long distance padded shorts
4. Rain gear
5. TCC biking shorts
6. to lose 10 lbs.
7. azooma zoom zoom
8. I want it all!
9. vest
10. knee warmers, knickers, tights
11. more time to ride
12. a new free bike oh and maybe shorts and shirt sock
13. sleeveless top
14. a century every Saturday, 50 miles on Sunday also!
15. shorts and a jacket and a lovely tcc ballgown
16. Not to have to work on Saturdays any more !!!!