



## Spoke Folk Bicycle Club

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### April 2020

**Spoke Folk Meetings** - Meetings are on hold due to COVID-19 (bummer).

**Weekly rides** - Weekly rides are on hold due to COVID-19 (bummer).

**Spoke Folk Membership** for 2020 is now due. If you have not paid your membership this year, please do so as soon as possible so you can continue to receive the newsletter and know what is going on in the biking world.

**RAGBRAI 2020** - RAGBRAI announced on 20 April 2020 that there will not be a RAGBRAI in 2020 (double bummer). It will be held in 2021 with the same route that was supposed to be this year. I know this is disappointing, but I do understand why they had to postpone it. I'm still bummed!

See the RAGBRAI website FAQ regarding refund options if you have already paid. You have an option to get a full refund by filling out their form by 1 June 2020, or you can leave your registration as is and they will transfer your registration to 2021.

Regarding money you have paid to Spoke Folk for RAGBRAI support, you have a few options.

**Option 1.** You can send an email note to Marsha Parker and request a refund. You will receive a full refund of money for bus, gear and bike support. Money paid for club membership will not be refunded. We will give a full refund any time from now until 23 March 2021.

**Option 2.** Do nothing and your gear support & bus money will be applied to the ride in 2021.

**Option 3.** Refunds requested from 23 March 2021 to 15 May 2021 will be charged the \$35 non-refundable fee that we normally charge. There will not be any refunds made after 15 May 2021.

I hope you will all still ride your bike this summer! Reply to all on this email and let us know what your plans are. Will you still train as if the ride was going to occur? Do you have an alternate plan? Will you pursue another type of activity instead of biking? Will you just sit on the couch and brood? What will you miss the most - the pecan pie, the camaraderie of the Spoke Folk group, KYBO's, camping in your tent when its over 100 degrees, etc.?

For those of you that we only see each other for this 1 week a year, I'll miss you all! Just think of all the stories we will have next year to catch up on. For those of you that were going to ride your first RAGBRAI this year, you will have extra training time. The website says it's 460 days away!

Take care, stay safe, and see you in 2021!

### **Upcoming Dates**

RAGBRAI - July 25-July 31, 2021