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1st Bi-Annual Soup-Tacular!

The first bi-annual Soup-Tacular fund-raising event was a great success! Through the donation of 13 soups, two bikes, and several items for silent auction; we were able to raise \$970! This is a month's rent and utilities, patches, and a little left over for printing for outreach events. The Lincoln

community has demonstrated their willingness to help us fulfill our mission to assist low-income and at risk people to get bikes, repairs, and biking education.

The winner of the Soup-Tacular competition was

Tracy Zayac with \$23 in voting. Pam Fecht and Zach Johnson were winners of the bike raffles. Megan Morton won the dinner for 2 at Pepe's Bistro. Jeffery won the Rob Zombie lunchbox. Jay Mauk won the purse.

We want to thank **Pepe's Bistro** for the use of his restaurant to host the event and items for auction. **Russ's Market** supplied bread and crackers for the soup. The **FCC Brothers**



provided terrific music. **Craig Schmidt** donated a great bike for raffle. And especially thank you to every one who brought soup, without which a soup supper is less hearty. Thanks to our bakers who brought yummy goodies. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported us and our mission. We hope to see you all out at the shop accessing our services, helping in the shop, or just hanging out. **Thanks again Lincoln!**



Thank you

A special thank you goes out to the Lincoln Track Club for their generous donation of \$2500 for general operating costs. This has allowed us to pay 3 months rent at our shop.

Goings On

Wow! The upcoming months are jammed packed with happenings and opportunities.

April 6

Southside Boxing Club Brunch at Pepe's, 10-3. LBK will be donating a sweet BMX bike for fund-raising. Stop on down and support keeping these kids off the streets. (Side note to all LGBT and supporters of non-traditional roles: there is an awesome young female boxer who will knock your socks off!)

April 12

Earth Day. We will be having a Mobile Kitchen and will be offering bike adjustments, tire and break checks, and doing simple repairs. We are also looking for folks to help hand out info and safety information. If you can do or are willing to learn how to do ANY of these things please consider helping out.

April 26

The Everett School Gong Show from 12 - ?. Come support the school and watch a great show. LBK will be there doing outreach and fundraising for our mission also.

May 3

We will be having a Mobile Kitchen at the Open Harvest/Meadowlark parking area again this year. It will be 12-4 and if last year was an indicator we will need many hands to help.

May 17

We will be having a Mobile Kitchen at the Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach parking area again this year. It will be 12:30-5 and if last year was an indicator we will need many hands to help. If you can do simple repairs like tires and tubes, you can free up more experienced mechanics for the big jobs. If you are an experienced mechanic (or would like to learn to be), please consider volunteering. We have a bad weather date set for MTK on the 24th

If you have an event that you would like LBK to be a part of NOW is the time to get it on the books. Contact LBK either by calling Kyle, email Jay at the office, or Facebooking us. We try to do one Mobile Kitchen a month during the riding season until we have enough volunteers to do more.

If you have an unused building that would make a good shop, is centrally located in Lincoln, and you would like to donate it to Lincoln Bike Kitchen; please contact us. By lowering our overhead we could do more good with our limited budget.

Bike Donations

Do you have an old bike? Does your basement or garage look like a kids zombie bike convention? Are you planning on buying a new steed this summer? Do you have parts you bought for long forgotten projects, bikes you no longer have, or the handlebars that just didn't work out?

Lincoln Bike Kitchen brings zombie bikes back to a full and fulfilling life. We give old parts new purpose on bikes that need them. We give forgotten and neglected items to people who will love them.

Bring whatever you have out to the shop and help us help others.

Kid's Bikes Are Rolling Out the Door!

In the last 2 weeks we have sent 10 kids out the door on their new steeds and have 3 more waiting to be freed from the stable to the new riders! We also have

several folks earning their bikes at this time. Spring is Sprung and the Riding Season Awaits Us!

A Job Well Done!

The Eager Beaver: I want to give a shout out to Eli who is a volunteer who has worked hard to make sure kids are able to get bikes (even though he is a kid himself). He has tucked away several finished bikes for the kids to choose from.

The Otter Excellence: BJ Green is a long time volunteer who has spent the time since moving to the new location working on becoming a top notch mechanic. She runs WATO (women and transgender only) night and has become a valuable wrench in a short time.



CALLING ALL DIYers!

PVC Bike Repair Stand

The Lincoln Bike Kitchen needs more bike stands for repairs and breakdowns. A good stand can cost upwards of \$250 each, but never fear there are many DIY projects out there to make a good stand without breaking the budget. If you would like to make and

donate one of these stands or buy a stand for the shop please consider doing so at this time. Last year we needed many more stands than we have. You can find plans on line that are made from wood, PVC, or metal piping. Please help us keep Lincoln on its pedals.

PVC Bike Repair Stand

LBK could really use a desktop computer and monitor set up. It does not need to be fancy or even new. Please consider donating the old beast you have in the closet.

Tools: We have found that our demand is out pacing the number of tools we have. We are having folks having to wait for common tools and don't have some of the more specialized tools at all (dishing tools and such). If you or your organization would like to help out by donating some of these tools or the funds to buy them, please help us help Lincoln.

A small table for the office, 3 ring binders, pens, and clip boards are needed.

A volunteer who can make a database for the bikes and clients would be loved forever, as would one who could do mailing list labels and emailing of the newsletters.

Buttons and T-shirts would be a real help to our mission, as well as original art for them. If you would like to donate your time, energy and some goodies please contact us.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

By B.J. Green

Do you know how to fix a bike? Would you like to learn how? Women and Transgender Only night is a great time to learn! LBK needs women who can wrench to help other women fix or earn a bike. Currently, I'm the only female who can facilitate WATO night. Consequently, we're looking at having WATO night every other week, instead of every week. If we can get another couple women to help with repairs and refurbishing, we can offer that service every week. Don't get me wrong, Open Shop on Sundays and Mondays are great. There are some really excellent mechanics on those days, and they're great teachers. But in the spring, summer, and early fall, Open Shop is SO busy. WATO night is always much quieter, allowing us to work together to learn.

You don't need to have any previous bike skills, just a willingness to learn and a desire to help. If you bring those two things, we'll teach you the rest! You know, I was just learning how to repair and refurbish bikes last year when I took over WATO night. I learned by watching and asking lots of questions of other mechanics, and by making mistakes on my own bike. Trust me, that whole making mistakes thing is a real teacher. I'm still learning too, but we've got repair manuals at the shop and YouTube on the smart phone, and WATO night is a nice laid back atmosphere for us to work on bikes and figure things out. We had a lot of fun on Tuesdays last year. So if you're a woman, or you identify as a woman, come join us for WATO night. It'll be great!

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Mission Statement

The Bike Kitchen is a community-building organization that provides bicycles and related resources to all people. We advocate for utilitarian bicycling as a vital part of a healthy, equitable and sustainable community. We connect cycling to broader environmental and social issues through outreach, education, and praxis.

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