



COOP

Dubuque Bike

Annual Report
2014



About the Dubuque Bike Coop

We are a volunteer-run non-profit operating under the 501(c)(3) status of the Dubuque Rescue Mission. We accept donated bicycles, repair them, and check them out to members of the community. Bikes are issued a City of Dubuque License and checked out for a period of up to three months. Deposits typically range from \$75 to \$150, depending on the quality of the bike. At the end of the three month period, if the patron returns the bicycle in similar condition, the full deposit minus a \$25 shop fee will be returned. The bicycle is then tuned up to be checked out again. If the patron chooses to keep the bicycle beyond the three month check-out period, the bicycle's City of Dubuque license will be transferred to the patron, and the bike

Mission Statement

Our mission is to build community by utilizing bicycles to promote healthy living and wellness along with environmental sustainability. We are committed to providing bicycles and educational opportunities for safety, repair, and riding.

is theirs to keep.



Volunteer mechanics meet Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights from 6-8pm at the Coop space located at 2206 Central Avenue. Both experienced bike mechanics and those who would like to learn the art are welcome. Bike checkouts occur during the nights that the Coop is open (see the calendar on The Hub tab) and once per month (2nd Saturday) at the downtown Farmers Market during the summer months.

Vision Statement

The Dubuque Bike Coop resolves to foster a rich community of active, confident cyclists.

We resolve to provide easy access to bicycles as well as relevant information on bicycle safety and maintenance.

We resolve to promote a mutual respect between bicyclists and their fellow citizens by educating bicyclists and drivers alike.

We resolve to serve the Dubuque community by providing it an opportunity for safe and sustainable transit.

A Message from our President

It is hard to believe that the Dubuque Bike Coop (AKA "The Coop") has been around for over two and a half years. From our initial discussions at the Dubuque Green Drinks meetings during the summer of 2012 to now, the focus of our project has been to foster a rich bicycling culture in the Dubuque area by getting more people on bicycles, provide educational opportunities on bicycle safety and maintenance, advocate for bicycle infrastructure and generally to do our part to help build a more social, vibrant and "local-driven" community. As with any organization, it all boils down to the people and that rings especially true for the Coop. We have always striven to be a place where anyone is welcome to come ask about bikes, obtain a bike, talk about bikes and volunteer for bicycling – a true community project.

While the rest of this report goes into more depth, I would like to present a brief "snap-shot" of our accomplishments in the following areas: bikes, safety, education, community, advocacy, environmental sustainability and volunteers. Out of the approximately 300 bicycles that have been donated to us by members of the community, we have put over 100 bicycles back onto the streets of Dubuque through our checkout program and our partnership with the Dubuque Rescue Mission. We have performed bicycle safety checks at several community events and bicycle rodeos. We have provided education on bicycle maintenance and repair to several dozen community members via our volunteer opportunities, formal repair clinics and our rent-a-bench program. The Coop has promoted civic engagement by partnering with other non-profits (i.e. Green Dubuque, Green-Iowa AmeriCorps, Mentor Dubuque), providing pedal-made smoothies at several local events and hosting three art openings. We have worked with the City of Dubuque and the Downtown Neighborhood Association to install three public bicycle repair (Fixit) stations and to provide more bicycle parking in the downtown area. We have recycled 1080 pounds of steel and 46 pounds of aluminum, thus reducing our impact on the environment. Last but not least, we have 14 active volunteers who have donated 1661 hours of their time to bicycling in Dubuque, Iowa.

These metrics show that we are accomplishing our mission and making a huge impact on the local community in our short two and a half years. Now that we are established, we have our sights set on bolstering our mission and look to make further progress for bicycling in Dubuque. We have several projects on the horizon that will

further connect us to local citizens, businesses and other non-profits. We are organizing Dubuque's Bike To Work Week 2015 and will host several events to promote bicycling as a safe, efficient and fun way to commute that include a bicycle rodeo at Comiskey Park for kids in the Downtown, Washington and North End neighborhoods and a bike celebration that coincides with



Dubuque Fest. We will host maintenance clinics for several groups including the Jaycees and the Dubuque Triathlon Club. We are working with the Dubuque Rescue Mission to create a program for their residents to learn important life and work skills by repairing donated kids' bikes. We also look to increase our volunteer base which will, among many other benefits, allow for our checkout fleet to have more bikes.

Another area where we look to expand is in local bicycling advocacy. We are very passionate about bicycling and want to work with local businesses and government agencies to ensure that our infrastructure supports bicycling as a viable and welcome form of transportation. In the short-term, we are working with the City of Dubuque to short-cut the procedure for businesses to install more bicycle parking. In the long-term, we are working with several organizations and agencies on overall bicycle infrastructure such as multi-use paths, bike-route networking and full implementation of Dubuque's Complete Streets plan.

In conclusion, we have all worked very hard to ensure that everyone in Dubuque has access to a reliable bicycle, education, and a safe place to ride. We have kept hundreds of bicycles out of the landfill and promoted re-use, re-purpose and recycling. We have built strong relationships with organizations across the area and provide a great place to volunteer. We are a community. We are the Dubuque Bike Coop.

Rob Williams, President

Finances: January 1-December 31, 2014

Treasurer's Report

The Coop operated on a total cash flow of \$6800.93 for calendar year 2014.

Its cash on hand was increased approximately \$500 from beginning year to end of year 2014.

Actual cash on hand at the end of 2014 was \$3058.52 with no outstanding liabilities.

Fixed expenses were utilities (gas & electric) which came to \$848 and \$654.54 respectively for a total of \$1502.54. Insurance was \$1503.89 for total fixed expenses of \$3006.

A significant expense was \$1000 for parts at the beginning of the year.

\$696 was spent on various equipment, shop and office supplies and City of Dubuque bicycle licenses.

The numbers demonstrate that we are operating sustainably. With some ongoing improvements, efficiencies and manpower there could be quite a bit of upside potential.



Expenses

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| Utilities | \$1,502 |
| Parts & Supplies | \$1,000 |
| Operating Expenses & City Bike Licenses | \$696 |
| Insurance | \$1,504 |
| Promotional / Merchandise | \$260 |
| Total Expenses | \$4,702 |

Income

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| Donations | \$1,028 |
| Shop Fees | \$310 |
| Forfeited Deposits | \$3,263 |
| Support from Dubuque Rescue Mission | \$600 |
| Total Income | \$5,201 |

Year-End Balances

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| Checking | \$1,358 |
| Savings | \$83 |
| Escrow | \$1,618 |
| Total | \$3,059 |

2014 at the Dubuque Bike Coop: By the Numbers

1661

Total Volunteer Hours

14

Active Volunteers

4

Nights of activity at the
Coop each week

17

"Drop-In"
occasional
volunteers



57

Bicycles Checked
Out

18

Successful
Community
events

45

Refurbished Bicycles
Supplied to the
Dubuque Rescue
Mission

94

Bicycles Repaired for
Check-Out Fleet

1014

"Followers" on
Social Media
(Facebook, Twitter,
Instagram)

2206

Central Avenue
(Come and visit us!)

Thanks For Your Support in 2014!

The Dubuque Rescue Mission

Fischer Companies

John Deere

Dubuque Main Street, LTD

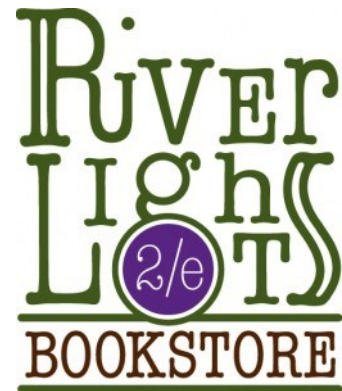


FREE FLIGHT
CYCLING • SKIING • FITNESS EQUIPMENT

THE
BIKE SHACK



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...and all of our patrons!

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