

# B4K Newsletter

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This newsletter is published with the intended purpose of providing information for all volunteers, suppliers and known supporters of Bikes4Kids. To subscribe or unsubscribe please contact B4K at 763-234-4790.



## Goodbye to a Special Friend and Volunteer- Harvey McDonald !

With mixed emotions we say a goodbye and good luck to Harvey McDonald. Harvey has been a mechanic for B4K for over six years. He is now hanging up his tools and saying his goodbye as he is returning to his home and family in South Carolina. It was not an easy decision for Harvey because he loves what he does and the feeling of good will that comes from providing a service that gives joy to children and adults in need.



Harvey came to B4K after retiring from full time employment with a wealth of mechanical experience. Harvey had a great aptitude for mechanical work which was cultivated through the Job Corps. Program. In 1965 he moved to an area by Detroit Lakes MN from his home state of South Carolina. The name of the organization was the Tamarack Job Corps. There he learned the trade of heavy equipment operator and honed his skills as a mechanic. Following his training he took a job as a crane operator in the Anoka area. He has also worked as a mechanic for Greyhound Lines and later, for Car World.

Following his retirement, he started repairing bikes in his home. One of our volunteers had made several

attempts to recruit him to B4K and eventually Harvey decided to join. Bikes have a special place for him since he bought his first bike while in South Carolina and used it for his own means of transportation eight miles per day to and from work.

Harvey leaves the B4K organization with a heavy heart. He says that he has grown here and progressed in his mechanical knowledge. He has made many new friends and has felt very rewarded for his work. He enjoys working with his fellow volunteers and will miss them all very much. As we will miss him. He gives all the volunteers his best wishes. In his own words he “sends all the volunteers his best wishes and thanks them all for allowing me to be here.”

We will all miss you Harvey, but we wish you the best for the future as you return to your home state of South Carolina!

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## Bikes4Kids Now Promoted in the Car Racing Circuit!

One Sunday morning at Faith Lutheran Church, Brian Siercks (a fellow member of Faith) approached Al Sannerud and asked him about a promotion plan that he had for Bikes4Kids. Brian’s family has been involved in car racing for several generations. He would like to sponsor Bikes4Kids in the upcoming season. The following is the formal announcement:

*“Racing is proud to announce its partnership with Bikes4Kids to help bring awareness and further promote the exemplary work this organization does for its community.”*

*The 2020 auto racing season had been delayed due to the current health concerns but is finally slowly opening across the state. This came just in time to celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Bill Siercks Memorial race at the Princeton Speedway on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The Bill Siercks Memorial celebrates the founder of Siercks Motorsports EST. 1952 and is Chris’s Grandfather.*

*As part of the celebration for this race many items are donated by supporters from all corners of the surrounding*

communities and offered as prizes to fans in attendance with the primary focus being items for children.

Bikes4Kids donated two youth bicycles for this event, one boy and one girl bike that were happily received by the drawing winners. In a statement by Chris Siercks "We are happy to be associated with this organization and I would like to thank them for their donation. It is nice to see the smiles these bicycles brought to the kids that won them, it is our way to help give back a little to our community and to the fans that support what we love to do."



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## We Get Mail...

The many bikes that are given result in more than smiles from our happy customers. Here are a couple responses for you to enjoy. Here is one from Cathy at Mobile Hope.

*Here is a picture that I took as three kids were biking down the road. And, 2 were wearing helmets!!! I wish I could share with you all the smiles that I have witnessed since these kids received their bikes. The kids finally have a reason to get outside in the sunshine and enjoy themselves. It warms my heart to get bikes into this community and I am deeply humbled to have the opportunity to partner with Bikes4Kids!*



# 2020 B4K LEGACY RIDE

## Exciting New Format!

Exciting new format for the legacy ride:

- Multi day on your own schedule.
- Choose your own rides and ride as many miles as you wish between **July 1** and **August 22**.
- Maps provided or create your own

**Shirts, prizes, Passport visitation entry packet**

Everyone will receive a packet with details by June 22 or within a week after they register. Latest registration is August 15. No need for more early bird registration.

**Everyone is entered in the raffle.**

Obtain extra raffle tickets by:

- Registration gets you 2 tickets
- Donation gives you 1 ticket for every \$10
- Meet sponsors at their places of business and get your passport stamped for 2 tickets per sponsor
- Riding the most miles as a family gets you 10 tickets for the family
- Being the oldest senior rider will earn you 5 tickets
- Being the youngest rider is 5 tickets worth
- Most miles as an adult 20 to 99 years is 10 tickets
- Most miles as a teen ages 13 to 19 is worth 10 tickets
- Most miles on a single track course is another 10 tickets

Registration Fee:

- Child Under 12 is \$20
- Person 12 & Up is \$30
- Family is \$50

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**COON RAPIDS  
NORTH SUBURBAN KIWANIS  
ANNUAL CHILI FEED**

**Saturday, March 28, 2020  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. October 17**

**COON RAPIDS VFW  
1919 COON RAPIDS BLVD.**

Join us for all you can eat chili, entertainment, silent auction and raffle with cash prizes of \$100, \$250 and \$500. Adult beverages available from the VFW.

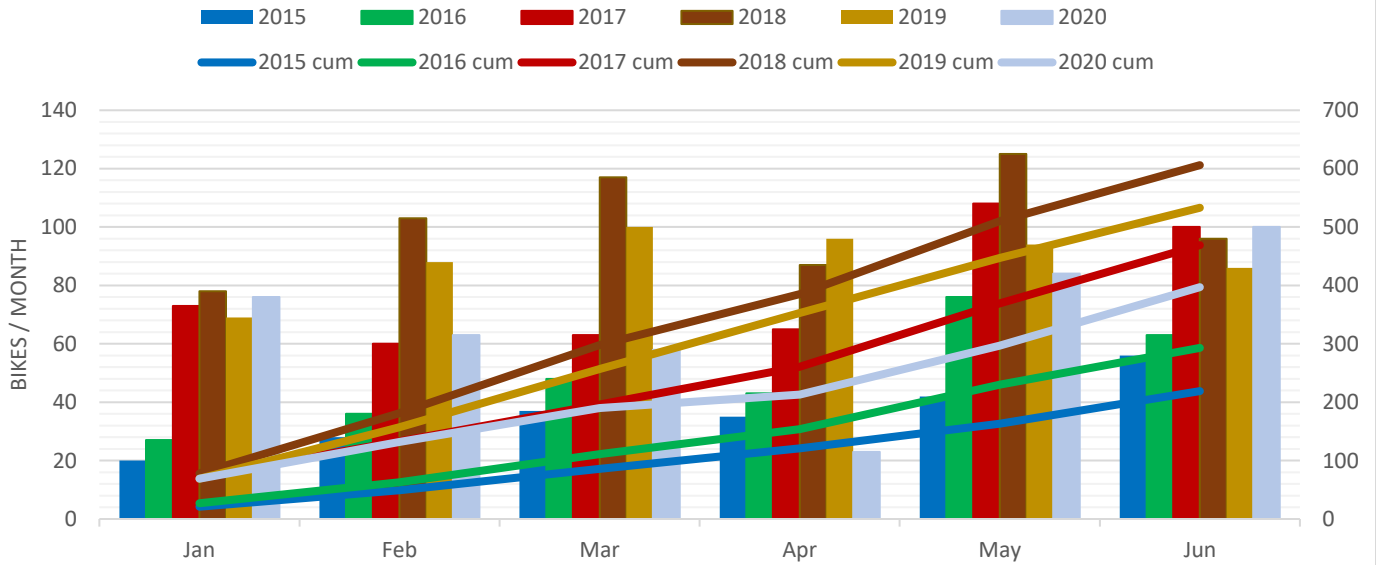
**BIKES4KIDS** and people in need Proceeds support Bikes4Kids, providing AEDs for local organizations, the Coon Rapids Scholarship Foundation and more!



**\$10/ADULT  
KIDS 11 &  
UNDER  
FREE**

# Operations Statistics

## Bike Repair Statistics 2015 - 2020



## Bike Delivery Statistics 2015- 2020

