

Saturday, September 14, 2019



The **FRISCO HILL CHALLENGE** is hosted by the Jefferson County Heritage & Historical Society:

- to help support the new Jefferson County Historical Museum
- to fund the replacement of the missing historical Frisco Hill monument, and
- to fund the relocation of Hilltown's historical monument to Faust Park

JCHHS has partnered with TrailNet to provide the MORNING segment of the event, which includes 50, 75, and 100 mile scenic cycling routes with stops at the four historical St. Louis Cycling Club monuments, located in Jefferson & St Louis Counties. (Parking for participating cyclists in the 3 morning distance routes is provided at Frisco Hill).

A *Frisco Family Fun Ride* is also available at lunchtime for those who prefer a shorter and less challenging route. Parents & Teachers: Please help encourage local middle & high school students to participate. We also hope you'll join them!

* Safety & Security is coordinated along the routes by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

Each of the above 3 cycling routes will finish at the intersection of Frisco Hill Road/Old Lemay Ferry Road, Imperial, MO, where the new replica monument will be located.

This missing granite Frisco Hill monument was installed 100 years ago. The history behind it began in the late 1800's when members of the Frisco Cycling Club, found the trek to be too difficult with all the loose gravel, and had to dismount to walk their bikes up the steep path. They decided to fill their pockets with stones on the walk up, and then formed the words "Frisco Hill" at the top, a representation of their difficulty. Despite the challenge, these riders were so impressed with the scenic, hilly ride that they spread the word & this route soon became popular with cyclists. In July 1887 a famous match race between Hal Greenwood and Percy Stone, two rivals between the Missouri Bicycle Club and the St. Louis Cycling Club, was recorded as the hardest fought cycling contest witnessed in this country – at a time when bicycles used a large front tire.

Another St. Louis Cycling Club monument, originally placed in front of the historic Lindell Hotel was also reported missing. The hotel was also the established meeting location of the St. Louis Cycling Club. This Hilltown monument has now been located thanks to the help of George Behring, former StlCc president, the Nelson Family, Steve Schaeffering, Rob Bathgate and Ted McRae (aka Bugman). It will be relocated to the entrance of Faust Park in Chesterfield.

The AFTERNOON segment of the event continues with food, beverages, vendors and a band. (ID is required to purchase alcohol beverages).

Lawn chairs are permitted; Coolers are not allowed.

EVERYONE is invited to attend this exciting event!

- Further Information & Sign-Up Registration for those participating *in the cycling routes* can be found at:

TrailNet.org ["Frisco Hill Challenge"]

<https://trailnet.redpodium.com/2019-frisco-hill-challenge>