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**The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Corporate Cycling Challenge** was held Sunday, August 16, 2009 in Omaha. There were corporate (company), open (individual), and club (group) divisions offered in the largest one day bicycle event in the Midwest!

The Challenge included three tours --- 10, 25, and 42 miles long, featuring beautiful scenery and historical landmarks in a blend of urban and rural riding. There were riders of all ages and abilities. The start and finish line was staged in front of the fountain at the Heartland of America Park, on 8th and Farnam in Omaha. At the finish line, the cyclists enjoyed music provided by Q-98 FIVE Radio Station, a cookout from Hy-Vee, massages, and Powerade.

Bob Mancuso, Jr., one of the coordinators for the CCC, said over 4,000 cyclists in 2009, rode in the largest one day bicycle event in the Midwest!

In the Corporate Division, the overall company winner with the most number of employee and non-employee (family members) miles completed was reclaimed by the UNMC/NMC Team. They took back the Corporate Division Championship from The Union Pacific Team. The Union Pacific team had won the championship 4 of the last 5 years. The UNMC/NMC Team had the most overall miles – employees and non-employees (family members) miles with over 6,492. The Alegent Health Team came in third – a fantastic team result for the third year in a row!

The division winners were: AAA – UNMC/NMC, AA – Kiewit Construction, A – Prairie Life Fitness Center, and B- Ensite Inc. There were over 48,472 total miles completed by the corporate entrants and over 67,272 total miles overall completed in this year’s Corporate Cycling Challenge.

Mancuso said next year’s 2010 event looks to be largest in history. Next year is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Corporate Cycling Challenge. The event is scheduled for Sunday, August 15, 2010. There will be available all new commemorative cycling jerseys and bike shorts for sale as well as the ride t-shirts. Many people are being more active and trying to be healthy. Bicycling is a great way to stay fit!

Mancuso said proceeds from this year will again be donated to Eastern Nebraska Trails Network (ENTN). ENTN advocates and supports the development of multi-use trails throughout Omaha and the surrounding areas. Gary Gephard, President of ENTN, said the funds will be a tremendous addition to our trail development activities.

The Corporate Cycling Challenge has now donated over \$100,425 to ENTN since it’s inception. ENTN donated \$25,000 to the Back to the River Project toward the Missouri River Pedestrian Bridge. Gebhard said the bridge will connect trails and communities – the 2,700 foot span bridge – will connect nearly 150 miles of trails.

Mancuso said, “An event like this isn’t possible without all of the volunteers and the sponsors. We would especially like to thank our 2009 main sponsors – KPTM – Fox 42 Television Station, Q-98.5 Radio Station, Hy-Vee, Nebraska Balloon & Wine Festival, Taste of Omaha, The Sports Authority, Olympia Cycle, Coca-Cola, Powerade, Budget Car & Truck Rental, Fall Home & Garden Expo, Union Pacific, Sam and Louie’s New York Pizzeria, Ideal Pure Water, Our Healthy Community Partnership, Activate Omaha, Regency Lodge, Omaha Police Department, Carter Lake Police Department, Heartland React, Omaha Fire Dept Medi-Bike Team, Eagle Services, Live Well Omaha, Omaha School of Massage Therapy, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Douglas County Police Dept, Washington County Sheriff’s Dept, Universal College of Healing Arts, and the Crossroads Massage Clinic.

If you would like to receive a corporate packet, club packet, or an individual brochure, are interested in being a sponsor, or would like more information, contact the Corporate Cycling Challenge office at 932-RIDE (7433). You can also visit our web site at <http://www.corporatecycling.com>.

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