

CRITICAL MASS MISSIVES

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Planning for 10th birthday has begun

The Committee for Full Enjoyment, a local affinity group, has started meeting to plan ideas for the 10th anniversary celebration. We are not presuming to represent everyone, nor to make any plans that will be imposed on the ride. Critical Mass has always worked on what's often called an "affinity group structure"—lots of small, informal groups working together to make things happen. Why not get together with your friends to do something for the 10th Anniversary? The more planners and ideas the better!

Nevertheless, in the best spirit of Critical Mass, we want to begin brainstorming now so the September ride—the 10th birthday—will be a fun and memorable experience, a worthy commemoration of this unique event. To this end, we have had two smallish meetings so far and want to invite others who may be interested to jump in to the process.

Tomorrow, Saturday June 29, 10:00-3 p.m., we are holding a **BENEFIT GARAGE SALE** at 19th and Dolores Streets. Please stop by and say hello, buy some stuff, donate \$ if you can, hang out and talk about your vision for Critical Mass, the 10th birthday—and if you have stuff to sell, bring it along! (Please be prepared to donate proceeds, and to cart away anything that doesn't sell!).

Some of the ideas we are kicking around so far:

1. A Big Potlatch to start the evening at the foot of Market. The Potlatch is a tradition from the Indians of the northwest in which large gatherings revolve around the exchange of gifts (competitively in their case, but not in ours!). We are encouraging everyone to make and bring gifts to the September ride (homemade bike ornaments, armbands, poetry, flyers, legbands, jewelry, flowers, hats, posters... use your imagination!).
2. A Big Potluck at the end, everyone bringing food to share, birthday

- cakes etc. Some of us are hoping for Dolores Park, long a favorite end point, after a meandering ride that might take us around town past freeway stumps, obnoxious gas stations, car dealers, transit planning agency offices, City Hall, the Duboce Bikeway Mural, and more... obviously any route planning is subject to impromptu changes and improvisation. We know there are some local musicians who would like to serenade Critical Mass, so we will probably try to specify some locations where they could set up to play and we could be sure to pass by.
3. 300+ signs that can be attached to bicycles that show the names of all the others cities worldwide that have had and/or continue to have Critical Mass rides.
4. A downloadable image of the Sun or its corona, with the slogan "The Sun Never Sets on Critical Mass" that riders around the world can print out and take photos of themselves for posting to the internet, demonstrating within a day or two of the September ride the truth of the slogan.
5. Lots of costumes, leftovers from Burning Man and a big dress rehearsal for the following month's Halloween ride.
6. Two or three full color 18"x24" posters are being prepared (for which the garage sale proceeds will help pay) to be posted around town and sent around the world, announcing and commemorating the 10th anniversary in September.
7. A 256 page book about Critical Mass is being published to coincide with the 10th anniversary. **BOOK PARTY** the day before the ride at Modern Times bookstore: **Thursday, September 26, 2002, 8 p.m.**

Everyone is encouraged to put lots of energy in to the ride during the months leading up to the ride. For more info call 626-2060, or drop a line to the Committee for Full Enjoyment, c/o 41 Sutter St. #1829, SF CA 94104. There is also the sf-critical-mass list [sf-critical-mass@topica.com] where ideas and debates can be discussed publicly online.

