



# The GREASE RAG

December 2016



## Upcoming Events

### **December 14. Kids bike fix 'em up, 6:30-9:30 PM**

Come by to sip some cider, turn a wrench or grab a rag and [help fix up](#) some of the many kids bikes we have at FCCBikeworks. This year, we'll be donating repaired and cleaned-up bikes to [Love City](#), a non-profit in the Portland neighborhood that runs programs to help youths develop practical skills. They will be distributing them during a Christmas event on December 21st.

### **December 16. Annual bike to work challenge, all day**

Whether you ride your bike to work every day, or just occasionally, we encourage you to ride to work on December 16 and put up a selfie with your bike outside your place of work on our [Facebook event page](#)!

The annual event is sponsored by Mike Sewell at [Gresham Smith and Partners](#). We'll be competing for the most selfies with Lexington's Broke Spoke

community bike shop. GS&P will make a \$10 donation to the corresponding shop for every qualifying post and the winning shop will take home a unique trophy crafted by Gil Crenshaw.

### **February 7 - March 14. JCPS Adult Education "Bike Rx" program**

FCCBikeworks will again be part of JCPS' "Louisville Learns" programming in 2017, offering a 6 week course on bike maintenance. The classes, which start the evening of Tuesday, February 7 and run through Tuesday, March 14th, will cover just about everything you want to know about bike maintenance and repair.

The cost of the course is \$139 for 6 weeks, plus a materials fee of \$20.00. As an added benefit, those who sign up for this class will be given a free 1 year membership to FCCBikeworks (a \$60 value) so this is a real bargain!

## **Shop Talk**

*Hmmm, what sort of gift could one give a bicyclist this holiday season?*  
We have the perfect idea for you... a gift certificate to FCCBikeworks! You can [purchase a membership](#) for \$60 or [buy the JCPS "Lifelong Learning"](#) course described above. It's a great way to give an experience.

### *End of year donations*

Your Falls City Community Bike Works is now two years old and is supported by over 400 volunteers and community members. During that time, we've been able to offer hands-on teaching through open shop hours and workshops, offer reasonably priced bikes at the shop and events throughout the city, and go out to other organizations to share bike repair knowledge to enable people to ride and maintain their bikes. We couldn't do it without your help, and we want to continue to grow our work into 2017. We're asking you to [make a donation](#) this holiday season. Your community bike shop thanks you!

### *Thanks!*

A big thanks to donors and doers in 2016! Special thanks to TARC and Cyclesmiths for recent donations, and to Jim Phipps, who has put his carpentry skills to work at FCCBikeworks.

### *Accountant needed*

We are looking for an accountant with non-profit experience to help us finalize some projects and budget effectively for the upcoming year. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact us at [fccbikeworks@gmail.com](mailto:fccbikeworks@gmail.com).

### *Write-up on Louisville Distilled*

Our own John Krueger, co-founder and Board President of FCCBikeworks, shared his perspective on the day-day vibe and mission of the shop over at [Louisville Distilled](#). What does your community bike works mean to you? Share with us on our [Facebook](#) page.

### *Updated website*

If you haven't gone to the [FCCBikeworks website](#) in a while, you might want to take a peek! Thanks to help from our web designer, John Roberts, we've

made a number of improvements that we hope will make the site more user-friendly.

As part of this website overhaul, we've also implemented a new data management system called Wild Apricot that interacts with our public site. This software will help us more easily communicate with you as well as streamline the processes of renewing memberships, signing shop waivers and making donations. It's also a great tool for tracking data and reporting various kinds of activity at the shop which will be of great assistance to us when applying for grants and special funding for FCCBikeworks down the road.

### *Volunteers*

We need you! If you have time to volunteer, FCCBikeworks welcomes assistance in bike repair, shop clean-up, or administrative duties. Volunteering is one way to [become a member](#) at FCCBikeworks, learn more, share your knowledge, and get to know people in our community. If you're interested, please contact us by [email](#) or via [Facebook](#), or stop by the shop during open hours.

### *Membership options.*

We have hourly and annual membership options. All options include access to shop equipment, the opportunity to buy discounted parts, and the expert assistance of our volunteer mechanics!

An [application](#) and [waiver](#) must be on file before using shop equipment or services. Payments may be made online; time-trade memberships may be worked out on-site or by contacting [FCCBikeworks](#).

## Recent Events

### **November 5. Wheel building workshop**

Nate Pinney led our first ever [wheel building workshop](#) at FCCBikeworks, a specialty class teaching participants how to hand build a wheel from spokes, to rim, to hub. Find out more about the workshop on our [blog](#).

### **October 30. Seth Short's Seattle Sendoff**

On a warm fall day, we grilled pizzas and toasted Seth on his new adventure as Program Director at [Bike Works](#) in Seattle. As many know, Seth was one of the first volunteers at FCCBikeworks and served as our Shop Coordinator from September 2015. During that time, he organized and inventoried stock in the shop, assisted many people in learning how to repair their bikes, and hauled that heavy mobile cart all over town! Good luck, Seth!

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### **SHOP HOURS**

SUN: 1-4 PM

WED: 6:30-9:30 PM

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## Board of Directors, annual elections

The FCCBikeworks Board of Directors will hold the first annual officer elections at our January meeting on the 15th. All board meetings are open to

the public for observation and begin promptly at 4 PM.

We are also seeking nominations for new board members! Board members serve a two year term. Nominations can be made to [fcbikeworks@gmail.com](mailto:fcbikeworks@gmail.com).

*Our current board of directors is as follows:*

John Krueger, President  
(Vacant), Vice President  
Isabella Christensen, Treasurer  
Andy Dyson, Secretary  
Ben Goldenberg  
John Hawkins  
Janice Childers  
Seth Short (outgoing)

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