

Ft. Wayne Triathlon Club

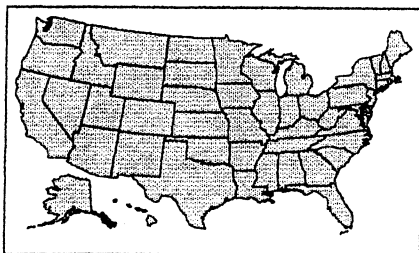
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Ideas for Triathletes

When I moved back to Ft. Wayne, I noticed there were many excellent cycling, running, and swimming clubs. However, I did not find any triathlon clubs. I often wondered why Ft. Wayne does not have a triathlon club? Over the last 6 seasons, I have met several triathletes from the Ft. Wayne area. Many are like me. They train with other local clubs, travel to the surrounding areas/states by themselves, lack support in the off season & cannot share progress and race stories with their "groupies".

I know Ft. Wayne and the surrounding area has unlimited potential for triathletes. For example: the Niles Michigan club has mock tri's and a very strong tri base. Michigan in general is



a solid supporter of the triathlon. Muncie is another example. That club is fairly new with over 70 members strong.

It is advantageous for the local triathletes to take the next step. After all, other

communities are benefiting from their organizational clubs. We need to organize and be sensible too.

Ideas for our own Triathlon Guild.

1. No membership fee.
2. Open line of communication with other athletes.
3. Better the performance of each member.
4. Introduce more local Tri's & Biathlons.
5. Regular mock Tri's
6. Winter Tri's
7. Informational seminars.
8. Increase our over all knowledge of well being.
9. Regional triathlon schedule.
10. Local Tri's series.
11. Twice a month newsletter during the season.
12. Panel of officers
13. Possible year end celebration.

Observations

- * Massive increase in number of triathletes.
- * Tri-Fed is helping to regulate entry fee's.
- * More races are certified and better organized.

- * At one point, it was the fastest growing sport on the planet.
- * Thanks to the Olympic Committee on making the first extreme sport an Olympic event.
- * The Warsaw Balloon Festival Tri is getting better each year. the organization is stellar and the caliber of athleticism is improving.
- * We now have a Ft. Wayne triathlon sponsored by Progressive Insurance and the Ft. Wayne Track Club.
- * Triathlons can range from 1/4M Swim, 10M Bike, 3M Run. to an Iron Man qualifier. 1.2M Swim, 56M Bike, 13.1M Run.

If you agree with some of my opinions and are interested in joining the

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