## 2014 Bayou Boogaloo Bicycle Pub Crawl

Fundraiser for MotherShip Foundation and The Mid-City Volleyball Group \$20.00 suggested donation
Saturday, May 17, 2014
9:00 a.m. to ~1:45 p.m.

Bicycle rentals will be available from Wheel Fun Rentals (if arranged ahead of time) located at the boat house near Big Lake in City Park. You can rent bikes by the hour or for a half day or full day, and a helmet and lock come with the bicycle. More information can be obtained by visiting their <a href="www.wheelfunrentals.com">www.wheelfunrentals.com</a> website or sending an e-mail to <a href="www.wheelfunrentals.com">wheelfunrentals.com</a> website or sending an e-mail to <a href="www.wheelfunrentals.com">wheelfunrentals.com</a> was also be contacted at (504)300-1289 or cell (612)532-5296. John may even offer a group discount if there is a large enough demand.

- 1. 9:00a.m.-9:45a.m. at Morning Call, 56 Dreyfous Dr (in City Park). Established in 1870, Morning Call has been serving its proprietary dark roast coffee with chicory and sour dough beignets to local inhabitants for more than 140 years. For over 100 years the business was located on the corner of Decatur Street and St Philip in the French Quarter, but in 1974 a massive renovation project to the French Market drove Morning Call to relocate to Fat City in Metairie. In November 2012 Morning Call found its opportunity to re-open in Orleans Parish when they took over operations of the Casino Building in City Park. Ironically, the Metairie location may be closing soon due to a sudden doubling of the rent, so if Morning Call serves your favorite beignets then come to City Park the morning of May 17 to load up before the ride. Morning Call also offers café au lait and local fare such as jambalaya twenty-four hours a day, and an assortment of domestic beers is available for those who prefer the breakfast of champions.
- **2. 9:50a.m.-10:05a.m. at Holt Cemetery, 527 City Park Ave.** Established in 1879, Holt Cemetery is known for having a large number of military veterans some dating back to the Civil War. There are at least two famous musicians buried in Holt Cemetery including renowned entertainer Jessie "Ooh Poo Pah Doo" Hill. Jessie's grandson, trumpeter James Andrews, will be our guest of honor for this year's ride, so we'll stop briefly to pay our respects to the legendary family of showmen. Feel free to bring trinkets like beads or plastic flowers to leave at Jessie's grave. By the way, there are at least fourteen historic cemeteries in that area, but Holt is known as a potter's field and is the only one where graves are still dug by hand.
- **3. 10:10a.m.-10:55a.m.** at Mick's Irish Pub, 4801 Bienville St. Nic Sobol bought Mick's Irish Pub from three judges in September of 1993. These three judges, according to Nic's son Michael who now manages the pub, were all big fans of the Rolling Stones, so they decided to pay homage to Mick Jagger and name their bar after him. Who knew this Mid-City establishment was named after a British band's front man? Mick's Irish Pub has an excellent selection of beers and ciders, and it carries an abundance of whiskeys in true Irish fashion. "Our staff is a very special group of friendly and fun-loving people," says Mike Sobol. "Mick's is a true neighborhood bar." I wonder if Mr. Jagger has ever stopped in his namesake pub when in the Big Easy?

- 4. 11:00a.m.-11:45a.m. at GinaWare Costumes and Clothing (4429 Bienville St) and Germania Masonic Lodge No. 46 (4415 Bienville St). GinaWare is a hidden gem of a costume shop just three blocks down from Mick's in a nondescript warehouse. Practically next door to GinaWare, Germania Lodge No. 46 of Free & Accepted Masons stands unobtrusively as a nearly forgotten meeting place. Lodge No. 46 was founded by German-speaking immigrants in 1844 to conduct Masonic work in their native German tongue. In 1944 the organization began holding meetings in English, and the lodge is currently comprised of approximately 100 men from a broad range of heritages and backgrounds. The current building was erected in 1930, and from 1958 through the mid 1970's it was a popular dance hall for teens wanting to embrace each other as they embraced pop music of the day. Sadly, Germania Lodge No. 46 cannot open their doors to us at this time, but shopping for retro clothes at GinaWare ought to make up for it!
- **5. 12:00a.m.-12:45p.m.** at the Ooh Poo Pah Doo Bar, 1931 Orleans Ave. This Mom 'n' Pop place was opened on Halloween day 2013 by Brian and Judy Broadus and has been providing a welcoming waterhole for the musically-rich Tremé neighborhood ever since. Judy is the daughter of legendary R&B artist Jessie Hill whose 1960 hit is the namesake of the bar, and Brian has been supplying down-home hospitality to all that pass through the door whether they make music or merely appreciate it. The club features an open mic on Wednesday evenings followed by three nights of classic New Orleans sounds on Thursday (James Andrews), Saturday (Fats Domino's drummer Ernest "Box" Fontenot) and Sunday (Guitar Slim Jr). The bar also features food specials on various evenings, and they always have drink specials. Try the red-colored "Ooh Poo Pah Doo" or the blue-colored "Whip It on Me, Pretty Baby" and see if you can even say the names of the drinks after finishing them!
- **6. 12:50p.m.-1:35p.m.** at the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, 732 N. Broad Street. The Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club will cap off the Bayou Boogaloo bicycle pub crawl this year as it always seems anti-climactic to go anywhere else after this stop. The Pinstripe Brass Band will once again be rockin' the joint, and the Zulu members who serve us drinks and food are always eager to please us. We reciprocate by being happy, happy and throwing our money around like we just don't care. It will no doubt be another euphoric experience of true New Orleans culture for those who have never visited before!
- **7. 1:45p.m. arrive at Bayou Bicycles and the Bayou Boogaloo.** Bayou Bicycles, a stalwart Mid-City business for sixteen years, is once again providing offsite bicycle parking for festival goers. Look for the Specialized Bicycles tent just to the left of the bike shop's entryway. Please support this local business as they have supported the Bayou Boogaloo and The Mid-City Volleyball Group for many years now.

To get an accurate head count for the bicycle ride, please register on-line at www.midcityvolleyball.org or contact Peter Hickman (preferably by e-mail) before 5/17/14:

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MotherShip Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity organization dedicated to encouraging social change by bringing forth a higher quality of life for all Louisiana and New Orleans residents through the promotion of arts, culture, and recreation.

The Mid-City Volleyball Group is a non-profit 501(c)(4) social welfare organization whose mission is to create a safe public space in Mid-City New Orleans where residents can enjoy outdoor activity, reduce stress and build community through the shared experience of playing beach volleyball.

## **Bayou Boogaloo Pub Crawl destinations, 2014**

