

Dick Rideout Recovering from Cycling Accident

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On Tuesday, August 18, while riding home from work on his bike, Dick Rideout was hit by a car in Madison. Dick suffered a collapsed lung and fractures to numerous ribs, his pelvis, and collar bone. He was hospitalized for nine days, spent over 14 days in a rehabilitation center and is now continuing to recover at home.

Debbie, Dick's wife, has set up an e-mail account that Dick can access. The address is recoveringrideout@gmail.com. Cards and notes can also be sent to the Rideouts' home address at 5730 Forsythia Place, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.

The Rideouts want to extend their heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of support and encouragement. It has been a key ingredient in Dick's recovery so far. An additional message from Dick to all cyclists: "Wear your helmet!" His helmet saved his life.

Dick has been the perennial leader of **Team Wisconsin** for the *Tour des Trees*, and has raised thousands of dollars on behalf of WAA for tree research. Due to the accident, he will not be readily able to follow up with individual pledge reminders. He is asking anyone who sponsored his ride this year to submit pledges to the TREE Fund, 552 S. Washington St., Suite 101, Naperville, Illinois 60540. Be sure to credit Team Wisconsin, and if you like, designate your donation to Wisconsin's Bob Skiera Fund. If you haven't made a pledge or contribution to *Tour des Trees* yet, support Dick's recovery with a contribution! Send your gift now via http://www.active.com/donate/STIHL_TourdesTrees/DRideou3.