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“Every time I see an adult on a bicycle, I no longer despair for the future of the human race.” -H.G. Wells



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This year has marked many celebrations. Glee hosted their 100th episode; Chicago’s Wrigley Field turned triple digits; and the Panama Canal celebrated its hundredth year. What’s next? With centennials near and far, we are proud to announce our own One Hundredth Emerge Miami Second Saturday Ride this October.

Emerge Miami kicked off its long-lasting relationship with bicycle advocacy and ridership in 2007, when, in addition to our ongoing community-building projects, our members decided to develop a monthly event that would get us and everyone else outside and active. Many of us have enjoyed a lifetime of riding, and bringing this joy into our work with civic engagement and organizing for the community was a natural fit.

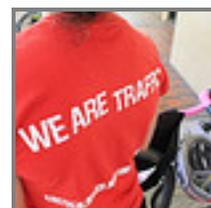
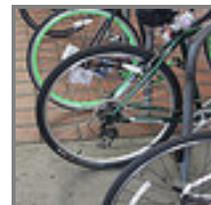
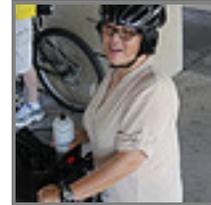
Our first Second Saturday Ride- named ‘Critical Mass’ in solidarity with the international biking phenomenon- pedaled from Vizcaya Metrorail Station to the Grove Farmer’s Market. We brought out 100 riders in an array of costumes and positive attitudes and enjoyed a summer jaunt up Bayshore drive.

Ultimately, this was a ridiculously short ride of only about three miles. To keep the momentum of our inaugural trip going we improvised an additional leg out to Matheson Hammock and back. We were learning new things from the start: make the ride last!

The experience of putting on these rides has been formative for Emerge, teaching us organizing and advocacy in unexpected and inspiring ways. From launching information campaigns to building coalitions with diverse advocacy groups, in many ways Emerge’s growth is traceable back to our bike rides.

Since then, Emerge has found ways to stay engaged both on and off our bikes. Members helped launch the City of Miami’s Bicycle Action Committee to develop a master plan; others have sat on the county’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Council; still more helped form the Transit Action Committee PAC, in order to help lobby on behalf of commuters of all types.

What’s more, the bicycle advocacy has fostered relationships with a wide array of civically engaged groups in Miami. From leadership forums to film screenings, social media workshops to love parades,



Emerge has grown into a community-building organization focused on strengthening social bonds between progressive groups and individuals. Not everything we do involves riding, but whatever we are doing, you can expect Emergers to get there by bike.

At our 100th ride, we are celebrating the heart of Miami: diversity. Meeting at [Government Center Metro-rail Station](#) at 10:00 a.m, we are teaming up with [@Celebrate Diversity Miami](#) as we learn about community building efforts by URGENT, the Miami Children’s Initiative. and the Little Haiti Cultural Center. After our tour around town, we will visit the brand-new waterfront green space, Museum Park, for a picnic. On Saturday, October 11th. bring your bike, some friends, and some great snackage!

H.G. Wells’ hope for humanity began on a bicycle. EmERGE works to uphold that tradition by wondering where our bicycles will take us next.

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2014:

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