



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO RIDE BIKE IN NEW YORK CITY

APPLICANT NAME/ALIAS: <i>The Blonde Baron</i>	BOROUGH OF RESIDENCE: <i>Manhattan and Sandia Park, NM</i>
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CHARACTER OF CYCLIST: SOCIAL <u>x</u> / ANTISOCIAL ___ / POLITICAL ___ / APOITICAL ___	VELOPROP CYCLIST ID NO. (IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ID NUMBER, ONE WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU.) <i>WHAT????? no comprendo.</i> 74801
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NAME OF ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, OR FRIENDS YOU RIDE WITH SO WE CAN FOLLOW THEM TOO: *NYCC, SOBs, CPTC, Pickups at Boathouse, Friends and other enemies of the war. Which means just about everyone.*

HAS ORGANIZATION FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE A SWORN COPY OF ITS CONSTITUTION AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING MEDICAL RECORDS, PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE, SAT SCORES, VOTING HISTORY, TISSUE SAMPLES, AND MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME? YES ___ / NO ___ / SEE NYPD FILE <i>Sorry, I'm not an organization, but I AM organized</i>	ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF A CRITICAL MASS RIDE? YES ___ / NO <u>x</u> / I PLEAD THE FIFTH ___ <i>But I would in Paris where the Police ride and skate with the group</i>
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DESCRIPTION OF PARADE ROUTE *(Where do you ride?)*
East side, West side, all around the town. And over the GWB when the South Walkway isn't closed, which seems to be less often all the time these days. Oh! for the good old days. . .
To get to Westchester I go through hilly Riverdale because it's pretty. I avoid Long Island because you have to get through Queens first.

DESCRIPTION OF IDENTIFIABLE UNIFORM OR EQUIPMENT *(Tell us about your bike and gear!)*
Nowadays in New York it's a white Grandis, steel, custom built for my husband more than twenty years ago in Verona—or was it Vicenza? My other bike is a custom Tom Kellogg Titanium, but it's in New Mexico with the SOBs (Seniors on Bikes).

NUMBER OF CYCLISTS ANTICIPATED WITHIN ONE-BLOCK AREA <i>as many as I can keep up with</i>	WILL RIFLES OR SHOTGUNS BE: CARRIED: YES / NO - <i>I only carry fresh corn from The Farm on Rt. 501 in New Jersey</i> FIRED: YES / NO (IF YES, INDICATE QUANTITY OR TYPE) <i>No, I eat it before it's ready to pop</i>
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PURPOSE OF PARADE *(Why do you ride?)*
Fresh air, Fresh Hudson River breezes, the Palisades are one of the most spectacular pieces of scenery in the United States. And of course, to get to the Runcible Spoon in Nyack, where they welcome hundreds to cyclists and provide rack parking on the street, as long as we eat their fabulous muffins and sandwiches.
If I ride in New York City, it's to get somewhere, and I use the scenic route as much as possible.

MEETINGS BEFORE OR AFTER EVENT, WHO YOU WILL TALK TO, WHAT YOU WILL SAY: <i>Friends and family. "What a great day to ride! What a great way to stay in shape. I'm SOOOOooooo glad I don't need to pollute the air by driving a car here.</i>	NAME OF GRAND MARSHAL, RIDE LEADER, OR ANARCHIST-BENT-ON-MAYHEM IN CHARGE: <i>Grand Marshall McLuhan</i>
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DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT ALL THE ANSWERS TO THE FOREGOING QUESTIONS ARE TRUE. PENALTY FOR FALSIFICATIONS: FALSIFICATION FOR ANY STATEMENT HEREIN IS AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH (NYC ADMINISTRATIVE CODE [10-154].)
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:

SWORN TO ME, THIS DAY *7* OF *April*, 2007 BY:

(MUST BE SIGNED BY NOTARY PUBLIC, COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS, MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF, OR ANYONE ELSE WHO IS REALLY HARD TO GET A SIGNATURE FROM.)
NOTE: 24 HOURS NOTICE REQUIRED FOR PERMIT BEFORE RIDING. NO PARADES ARE PERMITTED ON SUNDAY BEFORE 2PM, OR WHEN MRS. RAYMOND KELLY MUST BE DRIVEN TO AN IMPORTANT MEETING, UNLESS ATTENDED BY CIVIL SERVANT GS-9 OR HIGHER.
I used to use a Korean Notary on Sixth Avenue in the thirties. He never asked for ID, said all caucasians look alike,

OPTIONAL: IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAYOR BLOOMBERG'S DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND PLANYC 2030 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, THE CITY OF NEW YORK WANTS TO MAKE YOUR BICYCLING EXPERIENCE A PLEASANT ONE IN ABOUT 23 YEARS. PLEASE ASSIST US BY ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. WE WILL RESPOND WITHIN 5,980 BUSINESS DAYS.
Thanks, I'm not likely to be alive to experience this pleasure. How about following Chicago's lead?

What do you think of the new NYPD parade permit regulation?
It should apply to other groups too, like Strollercise, morning commuters, etc. But I do which Critical Mass would stop endangering other cyclists by making people think ALL cyclists are inconsiderate. I witnessed one Sunday Critical Mass in Paris this summer, led by police on skates, skateboards and bicycles, with police also interspersed in the crowd. Motorists were happy to stop, and the atmosphere was one of fun and civility. Why can't that happen in New York?
How can the City improve bicycling conditions?
My worst run-ins and near-misses in NY have been with pedestrians and with MTA busses. A campaign to make ALL elements in city traffic aware of their responsibility to act civilly and be considerate of others would help a lot.
Paving potholed streets would help too. As would more bike lanes, perhaps with a DOUBLE line separating them from traffic. Anything that encourages more people to bicycle and fewer to drive will make improve conditions. New York could be one of the "greenest" cities on earth if it would encourage self-propelled transportation, and maybe rooftop gardens like Chicago has.