

THE SPROCKET

FALL 2023

• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •

I am writing this message in my new role as past president. Over the past three years, I have been honored to serve as the SIW president.

As noted at the awards banquet, our success is grounded in the support of those members who serve as volunteers in various capacities. We appreciate our Officers, Board of Directors, and Ride Captains who make it possible for us to ride every day of the year. Thank you!

I encourage each of us to continue to find ways to support SIW. Perhaps you can volunteer in a new or expanded capacity? I plan to continue to explore adding new routes and rides to our schedule both locally and regionally as well as volunteering more regularly as a Ride Captain. Please remember to also support our club sponsors who provide the majority of the funds to operate our club.

Finally, don't forget to renew your SIW membership. The deadline to renew and avoid losing any mileage ridden since October 1, 2023, is December 31, 2023.

David Campbell

If you need a quick response from me, please call or text me at 502-262-4771. For less urgent matters, my email address is davidbrcampbell@proton.me

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PLANNING MEETING 1/20/2024

For Special Events and Rides

12:15 Pitch-In Luncheon

Meeting Afterwards

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Joan Gilley David Rausch Ron Loughmiller Lewis Reyman Deborah Davis	Stacey Norcross Maggie Ridge Jeanette Gettelfinger Debbie Shelton Christopher Brown Angela Jackson Kenneth McCardwell Janet Bolan Joe Gutmann Kurt Resener George Tom McEuen Ravenna Meyer Linda Donovan	Nancy Lovett Dick Keith Robin Meredith Bryan Huhnerkoch Michael Poindexter Barbara Thorn Peggy Bannon Tony Wilson

RIDE SCHEDULES ARE POSTED ON
[HTTP://SIWHEELMEN.ORG/RIDES.HTM](http://siwheelmen.org/rides.htm)

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BIKE TO BEAT CANCER



Several members of Southern Indiana Wheelmen participated in Norton Healthcare's Bike to Beat Cancer bike ride on September 9. Most riders worked as support riders whose job was to encourage other riders and assist those needing help. "Our job was to make sure everyone was doing okay," commented Maggie Ridge, one of the support riders. There were 700 participants that chose to ride either 35, 65, or 100 miles and SIW members rode with

them. "Joe Bolan and Chad Gillenwater volunteered to sweep the 100 mile course, which made for a very long day," added John Neichter. "I also did the 100 mile course but I was in front of them. Most riders were fine but there were a couple riders that miscalculated their endurance levels. I came across a guy who was extremely dehydrated and in a lot of pain and I had to call for someone to pick him up. After the ride I found him and he was doing much better after drinking several Powerades." Those from SIW that either rode as rider support riders or riding to raise funds include Bridget Zipp, Peggy Bannon, Greg Montagano, Maggie Ridge, Roben Rosenberger, Eric Madison, Chad Gillenwater, Joe Bolan, Tom Coulter, Paula Weller, and John Neichter. Bob and Suzy Peters were in the Clarksville Schwinn van driving the course and helping riders on the road.



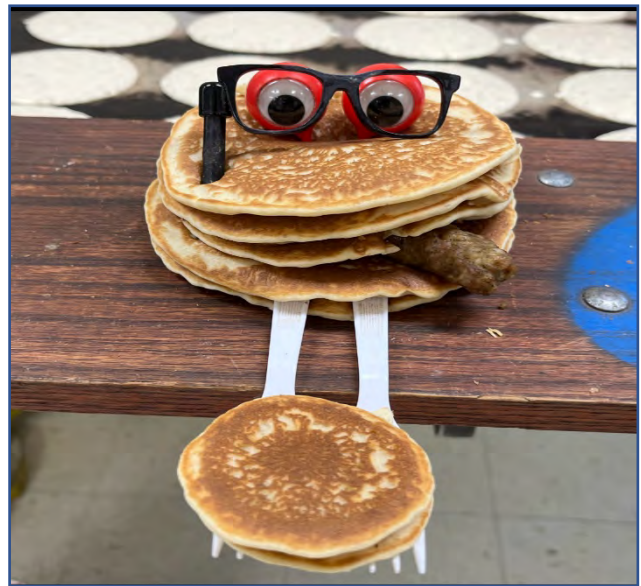
This was the 15th year for the ride and over \$550,000 was raised for Norton Cancer Institute, all of which will be used for research. All expenses for BTBC were paid for by the generous sponsors. -John Neichter

HARVEST HOMECOMING

What a beautiful day we had for 377 riders who attended this years Harvest Homecoming Ride. Thank you to all the club members who helped make this a big success this year. Save the date for September 28, 2024



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OHIO RIDE



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ADOPT A HIGHWAY CLEANUP

The second club road clean up had 19 people participate. 30 bags of trash plus 3 debris piles were collected. A great way for the club to come together and give back to the community.

Oh the things that we find!



JOAN AND PEG'S BIRTHDAY RIDE

I had the pleasure of attending the Birthday ride this year for the first time. Now, did you know this ride has been going on for about 40 years? I didn't. I have never attended the ride mostly because I thought 15 miles just didn't seem like it was worth doing. But this year I decided to find out what this ride was all about. First, I assumed this ride was to celebrate all members' birthdays once a year. But it's not. It's to celebrate two members' birthdays, Joan Gilley and Peg Walton. The founders/organizers of this ride. Basically, two friends that didn't know each other until they joined SIW and started riding together and one ride they discussed their birthdays and found they had a mysterious bond they didn't know about. They were born one day apart November 9 & 10. Joan said that back in the day when you didn't really ride all winter, as we do now, this was the ride that would end the riding season and the Cherry Pie Ride was the ride that started the season. We enjoyed a great ride, wonderful lunch, and of course Birthday Cake. So, at the end of the day, I'm glad I attended this event because I realized it's not about the miles, it's really about the camaraderie of being with friends. I hope to see more rides like this in the future. -Roben Rosenberger

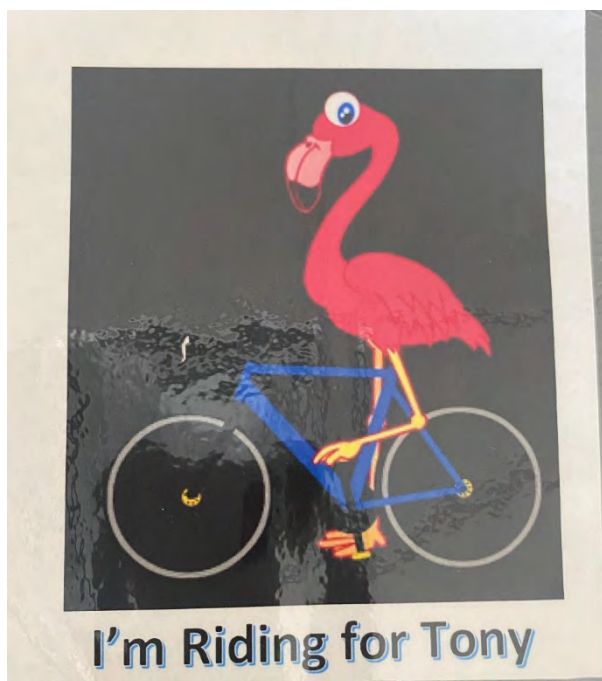


IN MEMORIAM

The tributes to Tony continue to come in. Nancy Lovett wanted to share:

During my remarks at Tony Barranco's recent Celebration of Life, I did not identify Keith Hutton. Keith is the SIW cyclist, employee at UPS, and great friend of Tony's who told me "if you had a breakdown & had Tony with you on a ride, he could rig it up & get you back to your car". He also said Tony was known as "The Magician" at UPS because he could fix anything! Thank you Keith.

Tony, Thank you for being so generous, helpful and fun loving. You will be greatly missed. Your SIW family.



NON BIKE EVENTS

Enjoying music and great food at Clare and Tom Burkhardt's farm.



Ann Bishop's Family Walk for Alzheimers



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 1, 2024 Polar Bear Ride
Check Schedule for Information**



ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

If you are interested in submitting pictures or an article to *The Sprocket* Newsletter please contact Peggy Bannon at pannbann@gmail.com

JOIN IN THE FUN

If you are a bicyclist in the Southern Indiana/Louisville area and would like to ride with a great group of people with similar interests, come check us out! Just pick up a Southern Indiana Wheelmen or Slowspokes ride schedule from the Clarksville Schwinn bicycle shop. If you have any questions, please contact one of the club officers or visit our web site at www.siwheelmen.org.

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