



THE SPROCKET

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President's Message *by Paul Beach*



Well, I see the groundhog came out and didn't see his shadow so I guess that means good bicycling weather ahead in less than 6 weeks! Daylight Savings Time is March 10 and that provides more riding time and hopefully better weather. Check both schedules closely for correct times and locations and check the web site for updates. Watch for these special rides to put on your calendar. Saturday, March 30 is the Easter Egg Ride. On Saturday, April 27 the Club will have another Adopt-A-Highway cleanup with ride following. And don't miss the SIW Club Picnic, Saturday, May 18 at Henryville Forestry. I sat in on the Slowspokes 2013 planning meeting in January and they really have a lot of nice out-of-town rides planned, check them out.

Now is a good time to check your accumulative mileage to see what your next plateau is so that you can set your 2013 goals. The award mileage ends September 30 and it will be here before you know it!

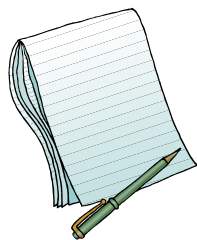
We're always looking for new ride captains and new routes. So keep this in mind and help out David and Bryan with their challenging jobs of scheduling your rides.

Happy and safe cycling,
Paul Beach

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.

**Next Club Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2013
Clarksville Library**

**We will begin promptly at 6:00 pm
Come join us and support your club.**



If your *Club Membership Dues* are not up to date, please send your check to *Becky Best, Treasurer*, to ensure that your *mileage* will be counted.

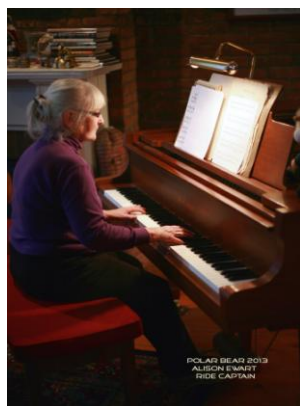
Polar Bear 2013

By Ron McKim

Sunny skies, 80 degree temperatures and light winds were forecast for the Polar Bear Ride; since we couldn't make the ride in Hawaii, we settled for Louisville's cold-dreary conditions: 32 degrees, 10 mph north winds, and wet roads. Eight hearty S.I.W. members said, "That's Good Enough for Me!" So with booties, balaclavas, heavy jackets and warm gloves; they set out to ride the River Walk to Shawnee Park.

Twenty other of the S.I.W. clan moved indoors to sample homemade breads with Pesto and drink fresh brewed coffee and gourmet teas. The inside conversation centered around the upcoming Florida Trip and what would be the main course for Lunch.

After the eight riders returned, steaming pans of Shepherds Pie were pulled from the oven. Lemon roasted brussel sprouts, cheese rice casseroles, pasta salads, fresh vegetables, and fruits were only a few of the many wonderful side dishes. Red-Velvet cookies, Derby Pie, Chocolate Covered Cherries, and a gazillion other delectable desserts were provided. Soon everyone was needing a nap. The eight who rode their bikes were feeling better about all the extra calories they had just devoured than those of us who did not ride. We only hoped that upcoming rides would help our "fat gram" situation. **A Great Big Thanks to Paul and Alison for opening their wonderful home!** After much joyful comradery, we all went home for that warm winter's nap.



SIW Picture Gallery - Photographer: Ron McKim

SIW Picnic 2012



Amish Land and Lakes 2012




Phyllis Lewis Retirement Party

2013 Florida Ride Facts

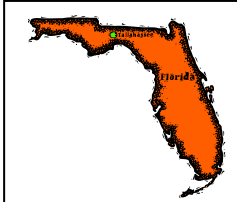
| January 5, - January 11, 2013 | | | January 12, - January 18, 2013 | | |
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| | | # of Riders | | | # of Riders |
| 1-5 | Hawthorne Trail Gainesville | 15 | 1-12 | Celebration | 11 |
| 1-6 | West Orange Trail Clermont | 13 | 1-13 | West Orange Trail Clermont | 16 |
| 1-7 | Groveland/Laws Rd | 13 | 1-14 | Dundee Loop | 15 |
| 1-8 | Van Fleet Trail Polk City | 14 | 1-15 | West Orange Trail | 10 |
| 1-9 | Sweet Bay Market | 14 | 1-16 | Seminole Trail | 17 |
| 1-10 | West Orange Trail Apopka | 17 | 1-17 | Clermont | 16 |
| 1--11 | Groveland | 14 | 1-18 | Van Fleet | 9 |
| Total Miles 238 | | | Total Miles 230 | | |

- Total Miles 468
- Lost/Found articles 2 for 3
- Rode 14 of 14 days
- 9 days over 80 degrees
- 14 days in hot tub/pool
- 1 stranded cyclist rescued
- 1 day caught in the rain
- 3 pot luck dinners
- Game nights enjoyed by all
- 1 Birthday Party (Marty Jones)
- 1 flat tire
- Lots of Laughter
- Fresh Strawberries/Produce/Crab
- Food/Food/Food
- Fun/Fun/Fun



Club Members Present and Pedaling

Becky & Larry Best
 Len & Jan Stahlgren
 Alison Ewart & Paul Vice
 Ken & Jodie Rieger
 Bernie & Jan Campbell
 Carole Sutton
 Phyllis Lewis
 Ron Galbraith
 Marty Jones
 Dave Rauch
 Susie Peters
 Tommy Sutton
 Doris Herp
 Paul Gruber
 Susie Hammond



Up Coming Events

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| New Harmony Ride | May 3, 4, 5 |
| Michigan Trip | June 16 - 22 |
| Pre Amish Land & Lake Ride | July 31 and August 1 |
| Amish Land & Lake Ride | August 2 – 4 |

**If interested in any of the above rides
 contact Joan Gilley for more information
 812-948-1230**