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President's Message by Paul Beach



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Wow, not much to talk about....unless you like rain, sleet, snow, ice, wind and cold, very cold. Not good for cycling.

Thanks again to everyone who helped make 2013 another great year for the SIW club and looking forward to 2014. Soon we'll be complaining "it's too hot". Can't wait!!

Watch your ride schedules, the newsletter, and web-site for upcoming rides and events like the Cherry Pie Ride and the Easter Egg Ride. Maybe thinking about these will help warm us up.

Be safe, keep warm, and God Bless.

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.



**Mark Your
Calendar!**

**Next Club Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2014
Clarksville Library**

We will begin promptly at 6pm


Come join us & support your club

1. If you have scurvy, what vitamin are you deficient in?
2. What instrument did Glenn Miller play?
3. Who was the documentary filmmaker of "The Civil War" "Jazz" and Baseball?
4. What is a ragamuffin?
5. What company created Beanie Babies?

Trivia



- Please email your answers to me at plewis1950@gmail.com or turn in at Clarksville Schwinn by May 5th. All correct entries will be entered for a \$10.00 gift certificate drawing from the bike shop.

Also, look for the siw logo  in the newsletter (somewhere other than our SIW Jersey), when spotted, email your answer as listed above. All correct entries will be entered for a \$10.00 gift certificate drawing from the bike shop.

Last Month's winner: Ann Bishop



Can Good Ride



The next collection of can goods will be distributed by Malvery McKim for Northside Christian Church.

Their pantry stocks more than food, they could use the following items.

- Toothbrushes/Tooth Paste
- Personal toiletries (Soap, razors, deodorant, tissues, shampoo, body lotion, Toilet Paper)
- Dish Soap, Towel Paper, Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Products
- All Food Items

SIW will be collecting items on the 2nd Sunday of the month during March and April at both the 8am and 10am rides. Also at the Easter Egg Ride.

Polar Bear Ride 2014

Pictures by Orlando Gonzales and Ron McKim



Marla Huhnertkoch
Orlando's children
Polar Bear 2014



Bob Peters
Phyllis Andres
Susie Hammond
Susie Peters
Polar Bear 2014



January 1, 2014 turned out to be a great day for a bike ride. 19 SIW riders were thankful for a respite from the cold winter weather to enjoy riding through some of the beautiful roads in the Knobs of Southern Indiana. One of the riders, Pat Simms, had just rejoined the club after many years away. Welcome back Pat and we hope to see you out riding many times in the coming year. After the ride another 10 members joined the riders at the home of Bryan and Marla Huhnerkoch for some delicious food and lively conversation.

Bryan Huhnerkoch

2014 Kentucky Century Challenge

The Kentucky Department Tourism will again be sponsoring a Kentucky Century Challenge in 2014. There have been some changes to the challenge this year. Riders will need to complete all 4 centuries in order to receive a free jersey. Riders completing three centuries can purchase a jersey for \$ 30. The four centuries are listed below:

Redbud Ride	London, KY	April 12
Horsey Hundred	Georgetown, KY	May 24
Preservation Pedal	Winchester, KY	June 21
Hub City Tour	Elizabethtown, KY	September 13

The website indicates the registration for the challenge will open on February 1 and will close on April 7. They also indicate that they may cap registrations this year.

Here is the website address for the Challenge:

<http://www.kentuckytourism.com/outdoor-adventure/centurychallenge.aspx>

The registration is already open for the Red Bud Ride. The web address is:

www.redbudride.com

At this time we plan to have all of the rides listed on the Wheelmen Schedule.

Bryan Huhnerkoch



6th Annual Florida Bike Tour

On January 25, with temperatures in the mid 20's, eighteen members of our club departed Louisville leaving behind 3 inches of ice and snow to arrive safely in Kissimmee with temperatures in the mid 60's.

It was wonderful to be riding out of the cold weather. Our first ride was on the Gainesville/Hawthorne Trail.

Our temporary home in Kissimmee, allows for convenient access to the trails in Winter Garden, Groveland and Clermont, Apopka, Polk City and Dundee.

The temperatures ranged from 53 degrees to a high of 82 degrees which was a refreshing change from the foul weather in Louisville/Southern Indiana. The best stuffed vehicle award goes to Jan and Len Stahlgren whose pickup truck was filled with bikes, meals, clothes and other items we dare not mention. Jan and Bernie Campbell was a close second with 12 prepared meals (no grocery shopping for Jan) and Dave Rausch rounded out the top three. (Go Cards) The highlight of the trip was Susie Peters dressed in Paul Gruber's pants. (Susie P's mid-weight riding pants were buried in her luggage when she arrived at Gainesville. Paul G had a spare pair of mid-weight pants which she borrowed. Susie is now looking for 1 white sock, Paul is unable to help.)





Guess Who, Where, When?



- Send your answer to Phyllis Lewis by May 5, 2014. All correct entries will be entered for a \$5.00 gift certificate drawing from the bike shop.



Happy Birthday

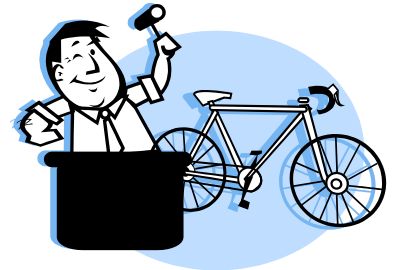
**Paul Vice
February 8th**

If you would like to have your birthday listed in the newsletter, please email your birth date to plewis1950@gmail.com.

The next newsletter will be for May/June. Please email before April 20th

Up Coming Rides/Events Mark your Calendars

Ky. Derby Festival Bicycle Ride	April 27
Alabama	May 3-9
Little Miami Trail, Ohio	June 2
Michigan Ride	June 21-26
Pre Amish	July 30
Amish	August 1
Dayton, Ohio	Sept 12-14
Harvest Homecoming	Sept 28



SIW – Need your help!

Support the Honor Ride

Jeff Mason is the event director and has asked for our help to get the ride going again:

Southern Indiana Wheelmen, I know several members have participated in Honor Ride Crane - Ride 2 Recovery. We are working hard to gain Navy approval to hold the event again this year. We could use your support! Please visit our FB page and LIKE the pinned post and leave any favorable comments.

Thanks for your help,

Jeff

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Honor-Ride-Crane-Ride-2-Recovery/368091656574051>