



THE SPROCKET

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President's Message *by Paul Beach*



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I know we're all thinking this winter and wet spring will never end! Will the kids ever get out of school? Will we ever get back to riding regularly? Yes, this past weekend with temps in the low 80's, gives us hope that good cycling weather is just around the corner. But...I just heard the latest weather forecast and it said there is a cold front coming in and snow flurries this coming week!

We will have our next SIW Club meeting on Thursday, May 15 at the Clarksville library at 6 p.m. Then our SIW picnic will be on Saturday, May 17 at Henryville Forestry. It will be at the first pavilion on the left after entering the park. Bring a covered dish to share and the Club will provide chicken and drinks. We will eat around noon. There will be two rides, a 45 mile, #3 at 8:30 a.m. and a 25 mile, #2, at 10:00 a.m. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend.

It was mentioned on a ride recently that it would be nice to have an SIW "yard sale" in the near future. Be thinking about this and bring your comments or suggestions to the Club meetings.

Be safe and God bless,

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, May 15, 2014
Clarksville Library**

We will begin promptly at 6pm

Come join us & support your club

Trivia

Look for the siw logo  in the newsletter, when spotted; send email to plewis1950@gmail.com by May 10th. All correct entries will be entered for a \$10.00 gift certificate drawing from the bike shop.

Last Month's winner: Marty Jones

**Happy, Happy
Birthday from
all of us to
you.**



May

Deanna Smith	5-3
Larry Gore	5-4
Mary Ann Galbraith	5-6
Phil Steinmetz	5-8
Ann Bishop	5-14
Michelle Hamilton	5-26

June

Justin Quinn	6-1
Jo Ellen Peers	6-1
Gary Johnson	6-2
Kristi Juliot	6-2
Joey Naville	6-9
Paul Gruber	6-10
Ron McKim	6-17
Sherri Thompson	6-19
Doris Herp	6-22
Melissa Hall	6-24
Mike Jacobi	6-25
Jim Gladin	6-28



Can Good Ride



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

Northside's Food Pantry allows local families in need to come in once a month and choose items from a Food Pantry shopping list. The list varies based on what we have at that time. The items need to be non-perishable. Examples are:

Canned goods (vegetables, fruits, beans, soups, ...)

Cereal

Pop Tarts

Boxed meals (Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Scalloped Potatoes, ...)

Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce

Tea & Coffee

Bathroom items (Toilet Paper, Soap, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo)

Disposable Diapers

In addition to food items, the Food Pantry has a book wagon for children and parents to choose books to take home and read. The books are donated.

SIW will be collecting items on the 2nd Sunday of the month during May and June and the club picnic.



Club Trash Pick Up

Several of the regular crew along with first time volunteers turned out to pick up trash on US 31. We are very thankful that Ben Blackman is home recovering from a freak accident sustained alongside the highway. Get Well Soon Ben.

Paul Beach is entertaining requiring bike helmets in the future.

And believe it or not someone must have thought we were not working hard enough, they stole our Men Working sign.



Up Coming Rides/Events Mark your Calendars



Alabama
Little Miami Trail, Ohio
Michigan
Rain Ride
Amish Pre Ride
Amish

May 3-9, 2014
June 6-8 2014
June 20-26
July 12
July 30-31
Aug 1-3



GOBA, Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure

- **An event of Columbus Outdoor Pursuits.**
- **June 14 -21, 2014**
- **A family-friendly bicycle camping tour.**
- **Registration deadline: May 14, 2014**
- **Discounted fees until: April 30, 2014**
- **For more information:**

www.goba.com

[614-273-0811](tel:614-273-0811)



We are now accepting classified ads for bike related items.

If you would like to provide a picture with your ad, send by email to
Phyllis Lewis at plewis1950@gmail.com



Classified Ad



BIKE FOR SALE TREK MULTITRACK 7300

TREK



ORIGINAL PURCHASE APRIL 2004
WELL MAINTAINED....GOOD CONDITION....NEW SEAT
SELDOM RIDDEN SINCE 2010 ...LOW MILES PRIOR
ORIGINAL OWNER'S MANUAL INC.
ASKING \$225.00

BETTY RUDOLPH 812-989-0446
betty46betty@gmail.com



Thule Bike Rack
Holds 4 bikes



1 1/4 inch hitch

I bought this used last year and gave \$90.00. Have not used it. Selling it for \$70.00. Contact me if interested at [502-635-1888](tel:502-635-1888).

Doris Herp

Easter Egg Ride

By Paul Gruber

What a ride! Forty-Four members were out chasing eggs. Thanks to Barb Beach for all of the home made prizes and baked goods. A good time was had by all. Mark your calendar for next year's ride.

Prize

Small Bunny
Funny Bunny Multi-colored
Large Bunny
Easter Placemats
\$25 Gift Card
Tri-Flow Chain Lube
Bike Polish
Bike Light
SIW Socks Blue s
SIW Socks Red m
SIW Socks Red s

Winner

Phyllis Lewis
Carole Sutton
Kim Decker
Jeanne Garrison-Young
Joe Gutmann
John Neichter
Carl Atkins
Rhonda Atkins
Jeff Smith
Donnie Gladin
Ron Loughmiller (Phyllis)

Club Stats as of April 15, 2014

By Jeanne Garrison-Young



**Our Numbers
as of April 15th**

112 members*



Have ridden **74,896** miles



in **372** rides/events.

*only includes members who had mileage



2014 Membership Types

80 Single




55 Family





for a total of

214 Members




2014: TOP 26 through April 15th					
Name	Mileage	# Rides	Name	Mileage	# Rides
1 Kenealy, Bill	3,490	127	14 Campbell, Jan	1,602	52
2 Evers, John	2,933	90	15 Huhnerkoch, Bryan	1,553	46
3 Peters, Susie	2,809	93	16 Meyer, Tim	1,523	41
4 Neichter, John	2,676	82	17 Sutton, Carole	1,484	50
5 Bolan, Joe	2,474	69	18 Ewart, Alison	1,482	51
6 Johnson, Gary	2,335	77	19 Gladin, Donnie	1,437	47
7 Galbraith, Ron	2,212	78	20 Wheeler, Stan	1,420	55
8 Rausch, David	2,128	68	21 Beach, Paul	1,376	44
9 Jordan, Kristi	1,888	63	22 Kennedy, Kevin	1,358	43
10 Gonzalez, Orlando	1,834	56	23 Malony, Leslie	1,353	44
11 Gettelfinger, Tim	1,831	50	24 Jones, Marty	1,248	44
12 Purlee, Dan	1,831	64	25 Korte, Jason	1,207	38
13 Baerenklau, Scott	1,735	58	26 Johnson, Karen	1,143	36

Comparison of 2014 to 2013 Miles Ridden by Members (through April 15th of each year)			
	2014	2013	Difference
Oct	20,358	15,101	5,257
Nov	12,984	11,580	1,404
Dec	6,568	7,255	(687)
Jan	6,887	11,463	(4,576)
Feb	7,911	5,715	2,196
Mar	11,699	11,549	150
Apr	8,489	12,012	(3,523)
Total	74,896	74,675	221

Comparison of Number of Members who rode in each month			
	2014	2013	Difference
Oct	89	90	(1)
Nov	70	78	(8)
Dec	54	61	(7)
Jan	60	60	-
Feb	61	50	11
Mar	77	72	5
Apr	79	96	(17)
Total	112	136	(24)

If there is anything else you would like for me to include for future newsletters, please send your ideas for statistics/club facts to jeannegy@aol.com

Easter Egg Ride

By Carole Sutton

On a sunny & warm Easter Sat. morning, 40 something SIW cyclists made their way to Deam's Lake for the Beaches annual Easter egg ride. While we did not actually hunt for easter eggs, we were treated to picking out eggs from a basket containing goodies & prizes. All the prizes were handmade by Barb Beach, which were colorful stuffed easter bunnies, SIW socks, & lovely Easter placemats.

The 26 milers had the advantage of 1st. dibs on homemade cookies & chocolate candies as 40 milers whom were right behind us surely finished them off.

It was a lovely occasion to get together & enjoy each other's company with great food & treats.

Thanks to the Beaches for hosting the fun event!



Also at the ride, Joe Gutmann received his gift from the 2013 Michigan Riders, a D.W.I pink shirt (Donuts were involved). This shirt was taken to the 2013 banquet, however, snow was a problem.

