



# THE SPROCKET

November - December 2017

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**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Next Club Meeting  
Thursday, November 16, 2017  
Clarksville Library**

### Topics:

- **2018 Officer Elections**
- **Election of two Board members**

**We will begin promptly at 6 pm.**

**Come join us and support your club.**

## VOTE!

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, you will have an opportunity at our club meeting to vote on the following:

- Election of 2018 Officers
- Election of two Board members

Please join us at the Clarksville Library at 6:00 pm to provide your input and to vote on these important elections and topics.

## ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET – Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> Valley View Golf Club

Social Hour begins at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:30 pm and then the presentation of awards. I hope you and your family can join in our celebration and recognition of our members achieving their goals.

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## ***RSVP for the Annual SIW Awards Banquet TODAY!***

**Where:** Valley View Golf Club, [3748 Lawrence Banet Road, Floyds Knobs, IN](#)

**When:** Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**How:** Download the Banquet RSVP form.

Link: <http://siwheelmen.org/docs/rsvp-2017.pdf>

**PLEASE NOTE!** If you are **NOT** attending the Awards Banquet, you may pay your 2018 dues **HERE:** <http://siwheelmen.org/join.htm>

Failing to pay your dues by **December 31st** can result in a loss of mileage credit and no one wants that to happen! 😞

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

See Ride Schedules for additional details: <http://siwheelmen.org/rides.htm>

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| November 4, 2017   | VA Veterans Appreciation Day Cycling Event          |
| November 5, 2017   | Merkers' Chili Ride                                 |
| November 11, 2017  | Adopt-a-Highway, Silver Creek High School           |
| November 16, 2017  | Club Meeting - Elections - Clarksville Library      |
| November 19, 2017  | PATOKA LAKE - 8501 WSR 154, Eckerty IN              |
| November 23, 2017  | HAPPY THANKSGIVING RIDE! - Silver Creek High School |
| December 1, 2017   | SIW Awards Banquet                                  |
| December 25, 2017  | MERRY CHRISTMAS RIDE! – Silver Creek High School    |
| January 1, 2018    | Polar Bear Ride – Please RSVP                       |
| January 2018 – TBA | SIW 2018 Planning Meeting                           |

# HARVEST HOMECOMING BICYCLE TOUR 2017

*Many Thanks to all who volunteered and/or participated!*

Your contribution of time and energy helped making HHBT 2017 a great event. We could not have had another successful year without the time and support of our members as well as the 580 riders who participated. Photos are available on Facebook and can be accessed via the SIW home page: <http://siwheelmen.org/>.

Special thanks to the HHBT committee who worked throughout the year on the planning and the organization of the event:

Bob Peters – Director	Ed Gootee	John Neichter
Barb Beach	Joe Gutmann	Susie Peters
Paul Beach	Bryan Huhnerkoch	David Rausch
Brian Christoff	Malvery McKim	Stan Wheeler
Alison Ewart	Ron McKim	
Jeanne Garrison-Young	Tim Meyers	

Mark your calendar! The tentative date for the 2018 Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour is Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.



*Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!*

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## Miamisburg Trail Ride by Carole Sutton & Paul Vice

On September 22nd, nine SIW SlowSpokes travelled to Ohio for a weekend cycling various sections of the Miami Valley Recreational Trails. Friday's ride began in Loveland for a delightful 30 mile ride south to Milford, Ohio and back. Often the Little Miami River was within sight and canoers were spotted as we pedaled along. We shared the trail with a few cyclists and pedestrians but pretty much had the trail to ourselves. While the others enjoyed dinner at Applebee's, Paul and Alison went to a square dance in Dayton. On Saturday, we started in Miamisburg, a quaint and historic town alongside the Great Miami River. Waking up to a hot, sunny day, we managed to ride 40 miles by early afternoon. Again we saw canoes as well as motorboats but this time we followed the Great Miami River south to Franklin before returning to Miamisburg and then continuing north toward Dayton. By coincidence, we found Bill Horton and his brother at Bullwinkle's Top Hat Bistro in Miamisburg where most of the group had lunch. Paul and Barb Beach enjoyed their Saturday evening at the 36th Annual Four Crown Nationals at the Eldora Speedway in Rossburg, OH. On Sunday, our last hurrah, we drove south to Corwin, another small but bike friendly town. We rode south on the Little Miami Trail to Morrow, a 30 mile round trip. Unfortunately for Paul 2, the ice cream shop in Morrow was closed and is For Sale. Anyone need a bike-friendly retirement business? Heading home, I was thinking this was probably a first to have a 3-day weekend bike trip without rain.

# Happy Birthday!!



## November

Kristen Applegate	<u>11/05</u>
Chris Nicholson	<u>11/05</u>
Naydu Gonzalez	<u>11/07</u>
Tom Hirsch	<u>11/08</u>
Joan Gilley	<u>11/09</u>
Jedidiah Fritzingler	<u>11/10</u>
Orlando Gonzalez	<u>11/10</u>
Margaret Walton	<u>11/10</u>
Kathy Gore	<u>11/13</u>
David Rausch	<u>11/15</u>
Ron Loughmiller	<u>11/20</u>
Beth Duczeminski	<u>11/22</u>
Lewis Reyman	<u>11/23</u>
Michelle Childress	<u>11/26</u>
Marshall Eldred	<u>11/27</u>
Deborah Davis	<u>11/28</u>
Bill Fible	<u>11/28</u>
Marvin Heath	<u>11/28</u>
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## December

Steve Merker	12/04
John Wallace	12/04
Maggie Ridge	12/05
Jeanette Gettelfinger	12/06
Debbie Shelton	12/08
Greyden Jonas	12/11
Kenneth McCardwell	12/14
Janet Bolan	12/17
Matthew McCardwell	12/17
Joe Gutmann	12/18
Kurt Resener	12/18
Larry Best	12/19
Sarah Ruml	12/20
Jeanne Rupp	12/22
Jim Book	12/23
Ana Gonzalez	12/23
Devin Withers	12/23
Shelia Gustafson	12/24
Carole Sutton	12/24
Jeff Smith	12/25
Bob Tull	12/25
Jason Korte	12/27
Bob Byrne	12/28
Bill Hesse	12/29

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**So Long 2017! Happy Cycling in 2018!**

