



THE SPROCKET

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SIW's President's Message,

As the weather continues to improve, it's wonderful to see more and more of you at our club rides. I am enjoying a mixture of SIW club rides plus some solo rides with the intention of adding some new routes to our library. At the end of May, I am looking forward to riding the Horsey Hundred for the first time.

Our HHBT team is working diligently to plan and execute an outstanding ride on Saturday, October 1, 2022. I encourage all of us to remember the important role of our sponsors and to consider them when we make decisions to purchase goods or services. Our sponsors are Clarksville Schwinn, Cousin Willie's Original Popcorn, Edward Jones, First Savings Bank, Hughes Group, Louisville Orthopaedic Clinic, Naydu's Wellness, Niagara Water, Nicholson Printing, Oates Flag Company, Pacers and Racers, PMC Regional Hospital, RE/Max Paul Kiger Group, Samtec, Starlight Coffee, Sternberg Van and Truck Rental, and The New Washington State Bank. If you make a purchase with any of our sponsors, please consider thanking them for supporting us.

Please help us have as safe as possible touring season. Routine bicycle maintenance is essential to avoid mechanical failures. When riding as a group, the allowable side-by-side limit is two. On some high traffic roads such as US 31 North, I recommend we ride single file. I am also a proponent of wearing bright colors and believe active lighting plus radar technology is helpful to ride as safely and defensively as possible. I have also avoided major injuries or worse recently by waiting for traffic to come to a complete stop at traffic lights when crossing intersections.

Finally, I encourage you to share your love of cycling with others and to encourage those you know who might be interested to join us

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 campbelb5730@sbcglobal.net.



Recent Club Meeting:

Monday, May 9, 2022

at 6 pm Clarksville Public Library

**Happy
Birthday**



May		June	
Mary Ann Galbraith	05/06	Patrick Yates	06/04
Bridget Zipp	05/07	Paula Weller	06/14
Bryan Madison	05/09	Ron McKim	06/17
Ann Bishop	05/14	John Hamilton	06/18
Edward Gootee	05/16	Mike Jacobi	06/25
Malvery McKim	05/17	Les Sullivan	06/27
Marc Sedwick	05/18		
Edward Fritzing	05/20		
George Wilding	05/20		
Randy House	05/21		
Bill Nutini	05/23		
Kim Decker	05/24		
Marla Huhnerkoch	05/25		
Michelle Hamilton	05/26		
Roben Rosenberger	05/26		
John Bell	05/29		
Tony Duncan	05/29		
Brenda Gutmann	05/30		

Ride Captains

Finally the weather has warmed up. It seems that it has taken forever to get here. Time for a reminder to those that are ride captains. Re-read the ride captains guide. Shake those cobwebs out and make sure everyone that rides with you starts on time with directions and has someone to ride with ... if they wish. The ride captain's guide is located here: <https://www.siwheelmen.org/rides.htm> . Then scroll down to the Ride Capt. Reference Guide.



Making sure that new riders, whether to the club or just that ride, have the information they need for a good ride. Not everyone is a tech whiz, have some cue sheets available. Give warning information as to dogs and road conditions as needed before you start. This information will be true as the weather first warms until when the cool of autumn returns. If they are new riders take some time to find out about them. Try to make them feel welcome. As the ride captain you are their point of contact and a reflection of SIW.

The packet also contains the dreaded accident reporting forms. Accidents do happen. We are thankful when there is nothing to report other than embarrassment. But there are times that getting information

can be really important. Sometimes there is not a lot of information you can gather either because you were nowhere near or no one told you about it. But being aware that you have these tools available is an important first step.

Thank you to all who are ride captains. Your dedication and leadership are appreciated by the rest of us who love to ride our bicycles.

Contribution by Ed "green socks" Gootee



Picture of the group who stayed a week after the SIW winter trip for the "PAWS Florida" trip that started in Tarpon Springs.

Contributor: Nancy Lovett

Mark your
calendars

Southern Indiana Wheelmen presents. . .

Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour 2022

Save the date!
October 1, 2022



- ♦ Saturday, October 1, 2022
- ♦ Lanesville Heritage Park
- ♦ Lanesville, Indiana
- ♦ 5/24/40/65 Mile Courses
- ♦ On line registration coming soon
- ♦ Tee-shirts and jerseys for sale
- ♦ \$45 adult/\$15 child registration
- ♦ Fundraiser for Dare to Care

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Title	Location	RC

If you are interested in submitting pictures or an article to *The Sprocket* Newsletter please contact Holly Campbell at hcampbell6229@gmail.com.

Additional information on bicycling in Indiana can be found by contacting:

Bicycle Indiana • info@bicycleindiana.org • www.bicycleindiana.org

Southern Indiana Wheelmen web pages • <http://siwheelmen.org/>

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 / 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.