

THE SPROCKET

MARCH-APRIL 2023

• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •

It's a season of changes for me. Currently, our kitchen and downstairs hallways are halfway through remodeling. Over the past two weeks, I've really enjoyed hearing the spring peepers singing along many sections of the roadways, and I may have heard and watched my last flock of Sandhill cranes flying south. I have also enjoyed expanding my rides into new areas and really enjoyed cycling in the Parklands several times in February.

As you make plans for 2023, please be sure to mark your calendar for the club's major event and fundraiser, Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour, on Saturday, September 30, 2023. We will need volunteers for set-up on Friday afternoon and on Saturday.

While you may prefer riding close to home, the club offers a number of out-of-town opportunities. Last year, I really enjoyed participating in the Kentucky Cycling Challenge and was able to complete five one hundred mile rides to earn a free cycling kit. I've already registered to ride the Tour of Minnesota, North Carolina Coast Ride, and the North Carolina Mountain Ride later this year. After returning to the RAIN ride in 2022 after twenty years, I didn't plan to repeat for a few years, but my offer to support another rider will likely have me riding again this year. If you explore our ride calendar, you'll find other opportunities to ride outside of our local routes.

One of my goals for this calendar year is to reactivate our SIW's Adopt-A-Highway quarterly clean-up in Sellersburg along US 31 from Highway 403 to the intersection with Perry Crossing and Bud Prather roads. In particular, please let me know if you have an interest in taking a leadership role to restart this important activity in April 2023.

I encourage all of us to continue to focus on riding safely. I am a fan of riding in highly visible apparel and of using active lighting. While I almost always have my Garmin Varia tail light on, I am working on more consistently using active forward lighting regardless of the time of day. While I have room for improvement, I regularly remind myself to drive and ride defensively and to remain calm in difficult situations.

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 mcampbelb5730@sbcglobal.net

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 13 at 6PM

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BIRTHDAYS

MARCH		APRIL	
John Neichter	03/01	Dana Mennen	04/02
Paul Beach	03/08	Nicole Gaines	04/05
Jody Gillenwater	03/18	Eric Madison	04/07
Betty House	03/21	Teri Blackman	04/13
David Richard	03/21	Scott Aldridge	04/18
Dick Thorn	03/22	Don Gettelfinger	04/18
Ed Hatfield	03/23	Chad Gillenwater	04/24
Randy Hein	03/26	Lana Goodwin	04/24
		Ben Blackman	04/26

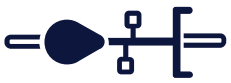
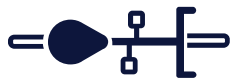


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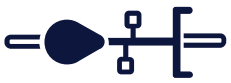


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ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

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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.

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