



THE SPROCKET

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President's Message by Paul Beach



We had our annual SIW Picnic ride on May 16. We had a great turnout even though it was cloudy and there were threatening skies. Oh, wait...it did rain before we all got back and a lot of rain afterwards. The rain did not stop us from having a great time! There were 26 riders and 26 smarter non-riders. Thanks to all who attended and helped to make this event possible!

Last but not least, we are looking for some new SIW Club officers for 2016 (it's not too early). Come to the next Club meeting which will be held on Thursday, July 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarksville Library. Find out which offices will be opening and help fill them...or you could be nominated (just kidding...I think!). Elections will be at the November Club meeting.

Again, thanks for everything! Ride safely 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!**

**Club Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2015
Clarksville Library**

We will begin promptly at 6 pm.

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

Williamsburg, VA Bike Trip

On the weekend of May 16th/17th, eighteen SIW Slowspokes cyclists drove to Williamsburg, VA for a week-long bike tour. Larry and Becky Best had ridden in the area before and Larry had a copy of the "Williamsburg Area Bike Rides" booklet. Len and Jan Stahlgren gathered maps, tourist brochures and other information about the area. Using this information and browsing the Williamsburg Area Bicyclists website, we were able to come up with bike rides for the week.

Monday's ride started from Yorktown, VA. We cycled out to the Dandy Loop peninsula by the York River and Chesapeake Bay and then took a bicycle tour through the Yorktown Battlefields which witnessed a turning point in the Revolutionary War.

On Tuesday, we travelled to Charles City, VA for a ride through the countryside. The ride took us past the plantation home of President John Tyler.

For Wednesday's ride we travelled by ferry (in our cars) to Surry, VA. From there we cycled to lunch at the Smithfield Bakery. More than a few calories were taken in especially those of us who had one of the yummy desserts.

Thursday was a rain-out in the morning but that gave us an opportunity to do some sight-seeing in Colonial Williamstown and Jamestown.

Friday we went by ferry to Surry again. This ride took us to Chippokes Plantation, a historic part of Surry County's farm and forestry history. Many of the fields that we cycled past were peanut fields. Virginia peanuts are processed to have a crunchy taste when you bite into them. I liked them a lot. We also stopped at Bacon's Castle, a two-story brick home and gardens that date from 1665.

Saturday, our final day in Virginia, we opted to ride on the Virginia Capital Trail from Williamsburg to Charles City. The Capital Trail will ultimately connect current state capital Richmond with historical capitals, Williamsburg and Jamestown. **Paul Vice**



Happy Birthday

July	
Micah Fritzinger	7-1
Darren Page	7-1
Larry Bolan	7-2
Frances Campbell	7-3
Ken Rieger	7-4
Bill Sligar	7-4
Keith Hutton	7-5
Brian Blackwell	7-7
Mike Gruber	7-8
Donnie Gladin	7-10
Susie Peters	7-10
Jodi Rieger	7-10
Tim Meyer	7-12
Mary Quinn	7-12
Vince Cecil	7-13
Brendan Kelly	7-13
Rosa Maynard	7-14
Michael Dennis	7-17
Lewis Brown	7-19
Candace Hyde	7-20
Carla Renn	7-20
Mark Kemp	7-25
Bill Kenealy	7-25
Sam Prather	7-25
Sharon Merker	7-31
Alison Torpey	7-31

August	
Andrea Baerenklau	8-3
Susie Hammond	8-3
Stephen Thill	8-3
Alison Ewart	8-5
Mary Ann Reynolds	8-5
Rick Bonam	8-7
Jim Shelton	8-8
Brian Christoff	8-9
Pat Gladin	8-9
David Guidry	8-9
Anya Mains	8-10
Chelsea Roe	8-12
Roger Bottorff	8-16
Bernie Campbell	8-19
Barb Beach	8-20
Ian Hyde	8-20
Mark Rieger	8-21
Ryan Marksbury	8-23
Lexi Yates	8-24
James Nett	8-29
Russ Boutell	8-30

If you see anyone of the above riders, please wish them **Happy Birthday!!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Amish Land & Lakes – including Pre-Ride	Aug 3-9
Spring Mill	Aug 17-18
Dayton Ride	Sept 12-14
Harvest Homecoming	Sept 28

Susie Peters and Susie Hammond competed in the 2015 National Senior Games which were held in Bloomington, Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN from July 3-16, 2015. Susie P. took 2nd place in Golf. Both Susie P. and Susie H. placed in the Top 10 of each of the Cycling events in which they participated.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact Susie Peters at esuegolf@aol.com to volunteer to help at Harvest Homecoming.

Please support the Sponsors of Southern Indiana Wheelmen. A list of their logos can be found on the website: <http://www.siwheelmen.org/>

Need to contact a fellow club member? Check out the SIW Member Directory in the MEMBER AREA on the left hand side of the home page. It is for members only so it is Password Protected. Ask any club officer if you do not know the password.



TO MAKE THE MEMBER AREA REALLY USEFUL, please review YOUR contact information. This information is provided only by YOU, at your discretion. It is NOT updated by club officers.

This is the newsletter for ALL Southern Indiana Wheelmen club members. Please help by writing an article about a bicycle ride or other club activity that interested you. Include pictures if you can. Your participation will be greatly appreciated!!

If there is anything at all that you would like to suggest, please contact Paul Vice, pkvice@bellsouth.net or 502-338-4041.