



THE SPROCKET

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President's Message *by Paul Beach*



September/October 2015

Wow! It's almost here...the 38th Annual Harvest Homecoming Bike Tour. Where has this year gone? We need all volunteers we can get, let me know what and where you want to be as soon as you can, even if it's something you do every year so that I can update my paperwork and t-shirt sizes. Here's a BIG thank you to everyone who will be helping to turn this into another great year. Also, a Special thanks to the Koetter family and the beautiful Forest Discovery Center in Starlight, Indiana.

Another thing I need everyone to do is check your mileage NOW to see what you need for your next 1,000 miles or your next 5,000 miles on your accumulative mileage plaque. Don't forget that 2015 Club mileage ends September 30 and 2016 mileage begins October 1. Speaking of mileage and awards, don't forget to mark your calendars for your 2015 S.I.W. Awards Banquet. It will be the first Friday in December; December 4 at the Valley View Golf Club in Floyd Knobs, Indiana.

Last but not least, Barb and I would like to thank everyone for your calls, texts, cards, thoughts and prayers, etc. after our bike accident July 6. And a special thanks to those at the scene for all your help.

See you on the road soon!

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, September 17, 2015
Clarksville Library**

We will begin promptly at 6 pm.

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

Pre-Amish/Amish Land and Lakes Tour

SIW Slowspokes cyclists drove north of Indianapolis for a 6-day bike tour starting August 4th. Joan Gilley had scouted out the Nickel Plate Trail for us to ride from Peru to Kokomo on Tuesday and then on Wednesday from Rochester to where we started on Tuesday. Our "international" travel took us thru Mexico, Birmingham and Denver! Wednesday evening we arrived at the Lindenwood Retreat Center at Ancilla College for a two-night stay and a ride to Culver, IN and around Lake Maxinkuckee on Thursday. Friday morning we drove to Shipshewana and rode the Pumpkinvine Trail to Goshen. Friday afternoon we arrived in Howe, IN for the evening Amishland ride. Saturday everyone did their own distances on Amishland taking in the wonderful sag stops, Amish homemade donuts, root beer floats, homemade hot pretzels and many other goodies. However, Marty Jones had a fall after finishing 75 miles and suffered multiple breaks in her femur. She is in rehab back here in Louisville now and may be going home since. The weather stayed very nice for this entire trip. **Paul Vice**

CONGRATULATIONS!!

From Bill Horton: Great job, Everybody.

The 2015 RAIN Ride is in the books. We started at 7:03am and covered 162 miles. Here are the results of our members in time-of-day finish order:

Joe Bolan	2:45	Kim Decker	7:17
Joey Naville	4:06	Larry Best	7:31
Orlando Gonzales	4:16	Mike Poindexter	7:33
Tom Brooks	4:16	Roger Bottorff	8:08
Tak Koerner	4:23	Donnie Gladin	8:59
Sean Hyde	4:27	Leslie Malony	8:59
Bill Horton	5:35	Paul Gruber	8:59

A special shout out to Joe Bolan, who led the field for the first 100 miles and finished 36th.

Bobby Byrne finished with 139 miles. Quite a feat in its own right.



Happy Birthday!!

September		October	
Clare Burkhart	9/2	Sophie Pawlak	10??
Jessica Owen	9/3	Byron Evanczyk	10/1
Dan Purlee	9/4	Tom Brooks	10/6
Chris Hirsch	9/7	Judy Hesse	10/6
Kevin Kennedy	9/8	Phyllis Andres	10/9
Larry Brown	9/11	T.J. Betts	10/10
Mary Byrne	9/11	Joe Bolan	10/11
Hannah Railey	9/11	Sara Gonzalez	10/12
Heather Hall	9/13	John Cummings	10/14
Bob Hamilton	9/18	Bob Grable	10/14
Christin Stewart	9/18	Ray Thomas	10/18
Laurie Griffith	9/19	Caroline Baerenklau	10/20
Kimber Hutton	9/22	Reuben Fritzingler	10/20
Leslie Malony	9/22	Joni Hibbard	10/20
Taylor Yates	9/23	Jan Campbell	10/22
Janet Jacobi	9/24	Cindy Barranco	10/23
Andy Mudd	9/28	Len Stahlgren	10/24
Michael Truitt	9/28	Rick Daugherty	10/25
David Campbell	9/30	Peter Davies	10/27
Stan Wheeler	9/30	Bill Horton	10/27
		Jan Stahlgren	10/30
		John Evers	10/31
		Marcy Prather	10/31

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nifty Fifty Bike Ride
38th Old Kentucky Home Tour
Dayton-Miamisburg Ride
Harvest Homecoming

Aug 29
Sept 12/13
Sept 18-20
Sept 27

Classified Ad Notice:

Carole Sutton is looking for a used 44" road bike. Please contact her at carolesut@gmail.com.

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 while you are there.

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.

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 pkvice@bellsouth.net