

THE SPROCKET

SPRING 2024

• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •

A quick introduction, I am John Neichter, the new president of Southern Indiana Wheelmen (SIW). We, as an organization, have been fortunate to have had a good team of leaders for our Club and I hope I am one of them. It is not one individual but everyone in the Club that makes it work. It is not MY club, it isn't YOUR club, it is OUR club. Everyone needs to participate for it to work. By participating I not only mean riding but helping others with the rides by being a ride captain and supporting riders both on the road and in their personal lives. It is up to all of us.

We had a wonderful awards dinner banquet at a new location, the American Legion Post 204 in Sellersburg and from our survey, an overwhelming number of people liked it. My thanks to Roben Rosenberger, David Campbell, and others for making it happen.

Spring is here! Daylight Saving Time began March 10 and every day we get a little more daylight and more afternoon rides. Several riders already had an early spring by going to Florida in February for some warm weather riding but we had some incredible weather here as well. We have started off 2024 with a lot of miles already logged.

We have several out-of-town rides on the schedule for this year including the Kentucky Century Challenge, RAGBRAI, and dozens more. It should be a good year for riding so go out ride, and be safe.

John Neichter
President

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2024
6:00 PM
Clarksville Library

BIRTHDAYS

March	April	May
Paul Beach Brian Corbett Jody Gillenwater Ed Hatfield Randy Hein Betty House Daniel McCoy Scott McLarty John Neichter David Richard Richard Thorn	Scott Aldridge Scott Baerenklau Ben Blackman Teri Blackman Don Gettelfinger John Hoskinson Eric Madison Dana Mennen William Paynter John Ritz Bobby Roe	Ann Bishop Jacob Davis Mary Ann Galbraith Edward Gootee Brenda Gutmann Randy House Marla Huhnerkoch Nancy Jacobi-Lackey Malvery McKim Cathi Reed Donna Richard Robenette Rosenberger George Wilding Bridget Zipp

RIDE SCHEDULES ARE POSTED ON
[HTTP://SIWHEELMEN.ORG/RIDES.HTM](http://siwheelmen.org/rides.htm)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Anders

Brian Corbett

Rachel Corbett

Dan Cunningham

Jacob Davis

Cathy Dees

Charles Edelen

John Hoskinson

Angela Jackson

Amy Leffler

Denny Leffler

Patty Leffler

Lori Meadows

Fermin Moreno

Spencer Neichter

Shawn Quast

Cathi Reed

William Reed

Michael Wright



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23 – Easter Egg Ride

July 13 – Club Picnic

Watch the Planning Calendar for:

Little Miami (3 different times!)

Kentucky Cycling Challenge

Crane Cruise

and more!!!



POLAR BEAR RIDE

Brave(crazy) members started off the year on their bikes for the Polar Bear Ride. Thank you to David and Francis Campbell for opening up their home for warmth and fellowship afterwards.



FLORIDA

Submitted by Carole Sutton

At the end of January, a bunch of elated SIWers (us) traveled our long drive to Florida for our annual warm and sunny bike rides in Kissimmee & Tarpon Springs.

The weather did not disappoint, with only 2 days of rain over a period of 3 weeks riding trails and countryside.

We even celebrated the Super Bowl at our Tarpon Springs hotel while enjoying our favorite snacks. It was pleasant to leave long pants & sleeves off for the most part.

Admiring the palm trees & sand underfoot is all part of the Florida experience, especially during winter months.

A highlight was a local Kissimmee church sponsored The Vienna Boys Choir one evening which a few of us attended, which was an awesome concert. Another treat, a huge tree right off a bike trail in Spring Hill, called The Tree of Spirits, on which hung many, many personal keepsakes and belonging to folks whom have passed on.

Overall, it was a very well planned, organized, and fun trip.

A BIG shout out to all our leaders and organizers. Thank you so much: Jan Campbell, Barbara Thorn, Maggie Ridge, and Janet Jacobi. And not to forget, all the riders who enjoyed the many miles ridden.

Thanks for coming to Florida!





FUNNY THINGS WE SAW ON THE ROAD



ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

If you are interested in submitting pictures or an article to *The Sprocket* Newsletter please contact Peggy Bannon at pannbann@gmail.com

JOIN IN THE FUN

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.

**Additional information on bicycling in Indiana
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