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President's Message *by Paul Beach*



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"CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!" to everyone who helped and rode the 36th Annual Harvest Homecoming Bike Tour. It couldn't be done without all of you. Even with light showers around mid day, it didn't stop us from having another great HHC ride. Again, a special thanks to the Koetter family and Chris Kruer for the use of their beautiful facility in Starlight, IN and a few hills! We had about 630 riders and nearly 100 volunteers.

Well, with HHC behind us and the end of 2013 mileage, it's time to start on the SIW Awards Banquet. DON'T MISS IT – Friday, December 6, 2013. It will be at Valley View Golf Club again this year. Don't forget, you get your sign-up money back at the door.

Here are more events to watch for:

Sunday, November 3 – The Merker's Chili Ride

Thursday, November 21 – SIW Club Meeting, 6:00 pm at Clarksville Library (Election of Officers for 2014)

Saturday, December 14 – Adopt-A-Highway clean up

Wednesday, January 1 – Polar Bear Ride

Ride safe, have fun, and God bless,

Paul Beach

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!**

**Next Club Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2013
Clarksville Library**

We will begin promptly at 6pm


Come join us & support your club

1. Where did Cheddar cheese originate?
2. What is a jetted pocket?
3. What name is given to wild animals hunted for food in Africa?
4. What is geophyrophobia?
5. When was acrylic paint first used?

Trivia



Please email your answers to me at plewis1950@gmail.com or turn in at Clarksville Schwinn by September 5th. All correct entries will be entered for a \$10.00 gift certificate drawing from the bike shop.

Also, look for the siw logo  in the newsletter, when spotted, same instructions as above. All correct entries will be entered for a \$10.00 gift certificate drawing from the bike shop.

Last Month's winner: Orlando Gonzalez



Can Good Ride



Starting November 2013



The club will be collecting can goods to support food pantries in the counties that we ride. So bring a can good to each of the following rides or events. Last collection totaled 417 pounds. Lets try for 500 pounds.



1. 2nd Sunday of each month, Joe will collect can items at the 10am ride
2. Club Meetings
3. Banquet 12-6-13, Phyllis will collect
4. Trash Pick Up 12-14-13, Paul will collect
5. Can Good Ride 12-15-13 2pm, Phyllis Lewis House
6. Polar Bear Ride

Any member knowing of a food pantry or a homeless shelter that is need of can goods, please contact Phyllis Lewis at 502-836-4860 or email information plewis1950@gmail.com.

KENTUCKY CENTURY CHALLENGE



New for 2013 is the Kentucky Century Challenge (KCC) put on by Kentucky Tourism Division. To qualify for the special KCC jersey, designed by John Mahorney of JEM Creative, you must complete three of four centuries at the following rides: Red Bud Ride, Horsey Hundred, Preservation Pedal or Old Kentucky Home Tour (OKHT).

Over 500 riders signed up for the challenge. From The Southern Indiana Wheelmen we had twelve riders sign up. With three century rides in the books, six riders have qualified for the jersey. They are: Paul & Barb Beach, Karen Hackstadt, Bryan Huhnerkoch, Gary Johnson and David Rausch. Still to qualify at the OKHT are: Scott Baerenklau, John Evers, Orlando Gonzalez, Marla Huhnerkoch, Ed Gootee and John Neichter.

I would like to give to club member Ed Gootee a heart felt thanks, for if it wasn't for him waiting for me at the first SAG stop on the Preservation Pedal and riding the last ninety miles with me, I'm not sure I would have been able to complete the ride.

Also, I would like to say good luck to those riding doing the century at the OKHT. Be safe and have a fun ride.

David Rausch

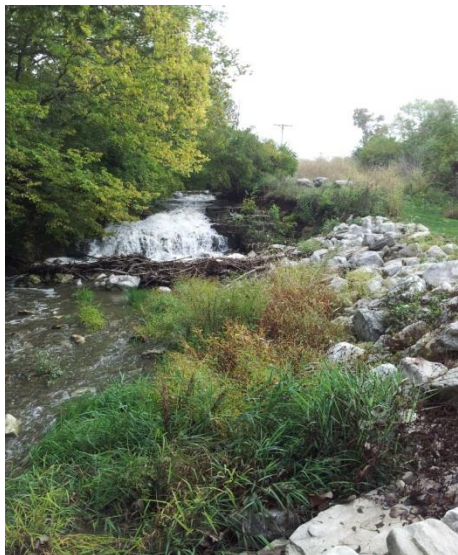


Kristi Julliot Ride and Eat

On Saturday September 14, 2013, Kristi Julliot hosted a Ride and Eat from her house located by the Elk's Golf Course. Several members arrived for the new event (I'm sorry eating is not a new event).

One new member, Paul Colon, arrived to find he was the 4th Paul at the ride, at last, aka Paul Fore (4).

Picture compliments of Paul Colon
From left to right: Paul Beach (Paul 1), Paul Vice (Paul 2), Paul Gruber (Paul 3), Paul Colon (Paul Fore (4))



Dayton Ohio Fall Trip

2013

Picture by Marty Jones

Eating Lunch in Piqua

2013

Picture by David Rausch



**Club Banquet
December 6, 2013**

**Valley View Golf Club
6:30 PM**

**See page 6 for membership
application**



New Crosswalk Signal on River Road first of it's kind in Louisville

Metro Public Works has installed a new crosswalk signal for the pedestrian crossing on River Road at Tumbleweed Restaurant at Waterfront Park. It's called the HAWK system, a nickname for High Intensity Activated Crosswalk, a new system that is being successfully tested across the country and is expected to become a common traffic engineering tool.

Designed for use in locations where a conventional signal is not appropriate, HAWK is showing great promise as an aid to pedestrians who need to cross a street but face heavy traffic.

What pedestrian need to know

For pedestrians, the HAWK system works much like other crosswalk systems:

1. Push the crosswalk button and wait for the standard white walk symbol to cross.
2. When the cross walk symbol flashes red, your cross should be complete or nearing completion.
3. You must push the button again if you want to activate another crossing.

What motorist and cyclists need to know

For motorists & cyclists in Louisville, the HAWK system may be unfamiliar. Please read below:

1. If you are approaching a HAWK crossing and you see a **flashing yellow light**. Someone has pushed the crosswalk button and is waiting to cross. Prepare to stop.
2. The flashing yellow light will be followed by a **solid yellow light** telling motorists to stop completely as the pedestrian is preparing to cross.
3. Next, **two solid red lights** signal to motorists & cyclists that they are required to be fully stopped to allow pedestrians to cross.
4. Next, the signal then displays **flashing red lights** which indicates the pedestrian crossing is coming to an end. If it's clear, motorists & cyclists can continue. If you are not stopped and approaching the crosswalk when it's flashing red, you must come to a complete stop before proceeding.
5. When the **signal goes dark and there are no red or yellow lights**, it's the end of the crossing sequence and motorists & cyclists can continue.

2014 SOUTHERN INDIANA WHEELMEN ASSOCIATION, INC. ("SIW") MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Forward this completed application along with your membership dues to:
SIW Treasurer – P.O. Box 58053 – Louisville, KY 40268

[] Single - \$12.00 [] Family - \$15.00 [] Check Enclosed [] Paid On-Line [] New Member(s) [] Renewal

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AND PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in Southern Indiana Wheelmen Association, Inc. ("SIW") sponsored Bicycling Activities ("Activity") I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Bicycling Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, and in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity. I further acknowledge that the Activity will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public during the Activity and upon which the hazards of traveling are to be expected. I further agree and warrant that if, at any time, I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) BICYCLING ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions, or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE SIW, their administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releases, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PRINTED NAME OF ADULT (1): _____ DOB: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ - _____ E-MAIL: _____

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE: _____ DATE: _____
participant's signature

PRINTED NAME OF ADULT (2): _____ DOB: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ - _____ E-MAIL: _____

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE: _____ DATE: _____
participant's signature

REFERRED BY (FOR NEW MEMBERS; OPTIONAL): _____

MINOR RELEASE

MINORS MAY NOT JOIN SIW ON THEIR OWN – THEY MAY ONLY JOIN THROUGH A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF BICYCLING ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEE'S FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, ORCOST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

PRINTED NAME(S) OF MINOR(S): _____

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE: _____ DATE: _____
parent/guardian's signature

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
Phyllis Lewis

Classified Ad

Wanted

**Men's XL Old Style SIW Jersey
In good to excellent condition**

**Call Paul Gruber
502-751-3044**

For Sale

**New Women's Bellwether winter jacket,
Size M, Lt. Blue/black/rose \$15.00**

**Women's jersey, 100% Merino Wool, Lt.
green/Dr. green trim beautiful condition.
\$15.00**

**Call Doris
502-693-8181**



You know you are a cyclist when:

1. You know you're a cyclist when you dream of winning the lottery and which bikes you'll be able to buy?
2. You forget all the pain, headwinds, humidity and hills within days of a long ride, and start dreaming about the next.
3. Your hands have a strange tan that looks remarkably similar to the pattern on your cycling gloves.
4. Weather forecasts can be broken down into 2 categories: good biking weather, bad biking weather.
5. You wear more tights than a children's theater group performing Peter Pan.
6. You have more water bottles than you have drinking glasses.