



THE SPROCKET

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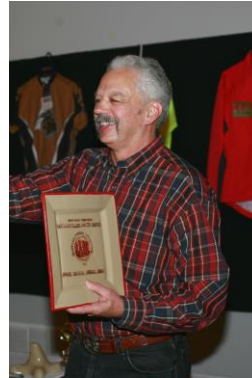
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President's Message *by Paul Beach*



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I hope you have been enjoying the weather and some time on the bike. The weather's been a little crazy, not much of a spring before going right into summer. Our S.I.W. Club picnic on May 17 was quite cool but we still had a great turnout even with a few regulars missing. There was good food and a great time together off the bikes. Thanks!

There are a lot of things going on in the bike club, check out the schedule and come on out. Here's something different that you might be interested in. Barb and I are going to Dayton or Xenia, Ohio September 6 and 7 to do trail rides in the mornings and dirt-track outlaw sprint car racing at Eldora (Tony Stewart's track) on Saturday night. Let me know if you are interested.

It has been a rough couple of years for the S.I.W. Club. We have had more than usual serious accidents and illnesses. I guess the S.I.W. Club as a whole is starting to show some age. It's great to see so many recoveries and members back out on their bikes. Thanks to the Club's prayer chain, know that all of you and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. 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!**

**Next Club Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2014
Clarksville Library**

We will begin promptly at 6 pm.

Come join us & support your club.

Trivia

Look for the siw logo  in the newsletter, when spotted, email your answer to plewis1950@gmail.com or turn in the answer at Clarksville Schwinn by July 10th. All correct entries will be entered into a drawing for a \$10.00 gift certificate from the bike shop.

Last Month's winner: Jan Campbell



Little Miami Bike Trip

On the 1st weekend in June, a group of SIW Slowspokes drove to Loveland, OH for a 3-day bike tour on the Little Miami Bike Trail. After a picnic lunch on Friday, we biked south to Milford, an approximately 30 mile round trip. Arriving back in Loveland, we drove on to Yellow Springs, our final destination. Our gang pretty much had our self-service motel to ourselves the whole weekend.

It was up early on Saturday to bicycle into Dayton. We were treated to the carillon bells and great views of the Great Miami and Mad Rivers. On Sunday, we drove back to Loveland for a 25-mile bike ride going north. Overall, we had a great trip. The weather was sunny and pleasant; except the last half of Sunday's ride was a little wet as it began to rain.

Carole Sutton

Peg's Cookie Ride



A Good Time Had By All!

Pleasant weather, 13 good friends and lots of GREAT cookies worked together for Peg Walton's Cookie ride on Sunday April 27th. The group left Hycliffe Ave. at 2:15 and rode to Shawnee Park and back. We risked life and limb, dodging the bridge construction only to find huge crowds at Waterfront Park. Oh! It's Derby week! Some wildlife along the way: turtles sunning themselves on a log in Beargrass Creek, a duck sitting on a half submerged shopping cart in the Ohio River and wood bees at Shawnee. The Dogwoods and Redbud were beautiful. Spring has finally come. At the end we munched on Jack Daniels brownies, fresh veggies and assorted cookies. A well deserved treat after a 25 mile ride

The Ultimate Outhouse



Several members of the club went to Michigan June 20, through June 26. We traveled through several small cities including Midland, Evart, Edmore, Clare, Greenville, Big Rapids and Alma. One of the more interesting sites was a two story 9 hole outhouse in Cedar Lake. Along the railroad/trail there was an inn which housed workers from the railroad. The second floor walk way tied the inn to the outhouse. The original inn was damaged by fire in March of this year, but the outhouse is still standing! The trails were well worth the trip and as an added bonus we got to see a one of a kind leaning two story outhouse.

Alabama Trip



Back row: Barbara Thorn, John Bell, Joan Gilley, Len and Jan Stahlgren, Ann Bishop and Carole Sutton
front row: Marty Jones, Peg Walton and Mary Ann Reynolds



Back row: Joan Gilley, Barbara Thorn, Mary Ann Reynolds, Jan and Len Stahlgren,
middle row: Joe and Ann Bishop, Carole Sutton and Peg Walton
front row: Marty Jones, John Bell



Phyllis is officially off the bad hair day list.



Alabama Trip May 3-9, 2014

Eleven SIW members went down to Fairhope, Alabama for a different kind of ride. It was put on by the Alabama Magnificent Bicycle Adventure (AMBA). We rode on county roads to busy streets, up lots of causeways, and several different roadways. Thanks to our training on the hills of Indiana, the causeways were no problem. We now know that Alabama is last in the nation with their bike trails.

We saw the Blue Angels perform in Pensacola. Awesome! We saw huge alligators at Alligator Alley and road the white beaches of Gulf Shore, Alabama. Game night in the evenings was lots of fun.

At the end of the trip, we were ready to return home. A big thank you to Phyllis Lewis for our breakfast, which we almost did not receive. And thanks to Joan Gilley for getting this trip together for us.

Marty Jones



Happy Birthday

July

Reed Meunier	7-10
Susie Peters	7-10
Jodi Rieger	7-10
Tim Meyer	7-12
Mary Quinn	7-12
Lewis Brown	7-19
Candace Hyde	7-20
Carla Renn	7-20
Michael Hewitt	7-24
Mark Kemp	7-25
Bill Kenealy	7-25
Nita Bernat	7-29
Sharon Merker	7-31

August

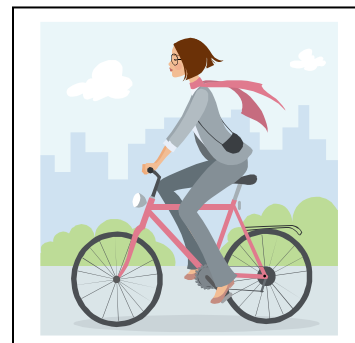
Susie Hammond	8-3
Stephen Thill	8-3
Alison Ewart	8-5
Jim Shelton	8-8
Brian Christoff	8-9
Pat Gladin	8-9
Marah Harbison	8-9
Erika Hargis	8-9
Amelia Meunier	8-12
Roger Bottorff	8-16
Bernie Campbell	8-19
Barb Beach	8-20
Ian Hyde	8-20
Mark Rieger	8-21
James Nett	8-29
Russ Boutell	8-30

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

UP COMING EVENTS

Round Barn Ride
Amish Ride
Dayton Ride
Harvest Homecoming

July 5
July 30 to Aug 1
September 12 – 14
September 28



Please remember that this letter is a Club letter and we need of bicycle articles and pictures from you. I would appreciate your participation.

If there is something you would like to suggest, please contact Phyllis Lewis.



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

<p>Wanted</p> <p>NEED A BIKE???????</p>

<p>For Sale</p> <p>Sell a bike???????</p>
