



THE SPROCKET

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Message from the president:

Jeanne Garrison-Young

2016 HHBT

Thanks to all of you for contributing to make the HHBT a great event. We could not have had another successful year without the time and support of our members.

As you may know, Kevin Kirchgessner suffered a serious accident while on the 25 mile course and sustained numerous injuries including a severe brain injury. On October 18th, Kevin was transferred from UofL Hospital to Frazier Rehab. Please continue to keep Kevin and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

VOTE!

You have several opportunities in November to exercise your right to vote. Of course, the most obvious is the national and local elections on November 8th. I hope all of you take the time to cast your votes on this day.

Then on November 17th, you will have an opportunity at our club meeting to vote on the following:

- Election of 2017 Officers
- Election of two Board members
- Proposed changes to the SIW By-Laws (**see Pages 5 and 6 below**)

Please join us at the Clarksville Library at 6:00 pm to provide your input and to vote on these important elections and topics.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The annual awards banquet will be on Friday, December 2nd at the Valley View Golf Course Clubhouse in Floyds Knobs. Social Hour begins at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:30 and then the presentation of awards. I hope you and your family can join in our celebration and recognition of our members achieving their goals.

Happy cycling!
Jeanne

!! IMPORTANT NEWS !!

RSVP for the Annual SIW Awards Banquet TODAY!

Where: [Valley View Golf Club](#) on Friday, December 2nd.

How: Download the Banquet RSVP form [HERE](#).

PLEASE NOTE! If you are **NOT** able to attend the Awards Banquet, be sure to [Pay your 2017 dues HERE](#). Failing to pay your dues by **December 31st** can result in a loss of mileage credit and no one wants that to happen! ☹️

**Mark Your
Calendar!**



**Next Club Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2016
Clarksville Library**

Topics:

- **2017 Officer Elections**
- **Election of two Board members**
- **Vote on proposed changes to the SIW By-Laws**

**We will begin promptly at 6 pm.
Come join us and support your club.**

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 THIS 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Merkers' Chili Ride

November 6, 2016

Club Banquet

December 2, 2016

Polar Bear Ride

January 1, 2017

(Note: Ride captain needed – contact Stan Wheeler)

Slowspokes Planning Meeting January 2017

See Ride Schedule for additional details

[Bicycle Indiana](#) has a Resource Guide at the link below for additional cycling opportunities:

http://www.bicycleindiana.org/docs/2016_BI_Resource_Guide_web.pdf

Happy Birthday!!



Micah Jenkins	<u>11/04</u>	Lee Johnson	<u>12/01</u>
Chris Nicholson	<u>11/05</u>	JC Hyde	<u>12/02</u>
Naydu Osorio Gonzalez	<u>11/07</u>	Steve Merker	<u>12/04</u>
Tom Hirsch	<u>11/08</u>	Maggie Ridge	<u>12/05</u>
Joan Gilley	<u>11/09</u>	David Colter	<u>12/06</u>
Jedidiah Fritzing	<u>11/10</u>	Jeanette Gettelfinger	<u>12/06</u>
Orlando Gonzalez	<u>11/10</u>	Greg Wilkins	<u>12/07</u>
Mike Hilderbrand	<u>11/10</u>	Debbie Shelton	<u>12/08</u>
Matthew Owen	<u>11/10</u>	Kenneth McCardwell	<u>12/14</u>
Margaret Walton	<u>11/10</u>	Janet Bolan	<u>12/17</u>
Justin Ryan	<u>11/11</u>	Matthew McCardwell	<u>12/17</u>
Steve Walker	<u>11/11</u>	Joe Gutmann	<u>12/18</u>
Janet Bosomworth	<u>11/12</u>	Larry Best	<u>12/19</u>
Kathy Gore	<u>11/13</u>	Laura Meyer	<u>12/20</u>
David Rausch	<u>11/15</u>	Ana Gonzalez	<u>12/23</u>
Ron Loughmiller	<u>11/20</u>	Jeanne Rupp	<u>12/23</u>
Beth Duczeminski	<u>11/22</u>	Shelia Gustafson	<u>12/24</u>
Wolfgang Hoffmann	<u>11/22</u>	Carole Sutton	<u>12/24</u>
Deborah Davis	<u>11/28</u>	Jeff Smith	<u>12/25</u>
		Bob Tull	<u>12/25</u>
		Jason Korte	<u>12/27</u>
		Bob Byrne	<u>12/28</u>
		Bill Hesse	<u>12/29</u>

HARVEST HOMECOMING BICYCLE TOUR 2016

See more pics [here](#).

VOLUNTEERS at the HOMEMADE COOKIE SAG STOP



Carole Sutton, Paul Gruber, Leslie Malony, Beth Duczeminski, Peg Walton, Mike Duczeminski, Mike Jacobi, Glen Gruber, Marty Jones, Larry Best, and Bill Horton

Thanks to all who volunteered and/or participated!



Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!!

Proposed Changes to the SIW By-Laws

Our Board of Directors has responded to member input and is offering six proposals for By-Law changes.

According to the By-Laws, amendments to the By-Laws may be made at any Regular Meeting of the Club by affirmative vote of a majority of voting Members present, provided that the Board of Directors has evaluated and approved the proposed amendment, and that the amendment wording has been available to Members at least 30 days.

So be sure to attend the November 17th club meeting to cast your vote regarding these proposed changes. Each proposal will be voted on separately.

Change	
#1	Clarify when mileage credit is received based on when dues are paid.
#1	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE IV - DUES</p> <p><u>(A) Date</u> (1) Dues must be paid by January 1 to remain an active Member and to receive mileage credit for any rides from October 1 to January 1. If dues are paid after January 1, the member becomes active as of the date of payment and mileage credit is only received for rides on or after the date of payment. Dues are based on an October 1 through September 30 year. (2) Dues paid by new Members in August or September will be applied to the following year.</p> <p><u>(B) Amount</u> (1) Dues for a Family Membership shall be \$15.00 annually. (2) Dues for an Individual Member shall be \$12.00 annually.</p>



Change	
#2	Eliminate the tracking of participation points and awards based on participation points.
#5	Further define how/when the touring jersey award can be won.
#5	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTICLE VI - AWARDS</p> <p><u>(A) Touring Jerseys</u> Four Touring Jerseys will be awarded for the most registered Club miles ridden from October 1 through September 30. One each will be awarded to the man and woman who have reached age 55 by September 30, and one each to the man and woman who have not reached age 55 by September 30. Any Touring Jersey Award cannot be won by the same Rider in consecutive years.</p> <p><u>(B) Mileage Awards</u> (1) Thousand Mile Awards will be determined by the number of registered Club miles ridden from October 1 through September 30. (2) Accumulated Mileage Awards will be determined by the number of Club miles ridden from October 1 through September 30. Accumulated mileage will be recognized with 5000 mile awards as determined by the number of accumulated Club miles ridden while a dues-paid Member in good standing, regardless of any breaks in membership.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>(C) Participation Awards</u> (1) Points are earned as follows: i. 15 points for recruiting a new member. ii. 10 points for driving SAG. iii. 10 points for writing a published article. iv. 5 points for attending a meeting. v. 5 points for being a Ride Captain. vi. 0 points for attending ride. (2) An award will be given to the 5 Members with the highest accumulated points.</p> <p><u>(D) Special Awards</u> Other Special Awards as the Club may see fit.</p>
#2	

Proposed Changes to the SIW By-Laws

Change	
#3	Clarify the definition of a ride for the awarding of mileage.
#6	Document the requirement that verification of the completion of the designated ride may be requested.
	ARTICLE VII - RIDES
	<p><u>(A) Mileage</u></p> <p>(1) Official Club Mileage is used to determine aggregate mileage awards (the four touring jerseys, and any other awards or recognitions subsequently approved by the SIW membership where mileage is a factor). A SIW Member can accumulate Official Club Mileage by any combination of approved rides from either schedule.</p> <p>(2) Inclement Weather: If the weather is too unpleasant at ride time, the Ride Captain is not obliged to ride, or even to show up. However, any Member who considers the weather acceptable may earn miles credit by completing the ride at his or her own risk as always, and advising the Statistician. If multiple riders complete such a ride, they should choose a substitute Ride Captain to submit names and mileage to the Statistician.</p> <p>(1) Rainout: If members have shown up to participate in a Club ride, and by ride time it has begun to rain, any rider who chooses to abandon the ride will earn 10 miles credit for being there. Any rider who chooses to ride in the rain, at his or her own risk as always, and completes the ride, will earn scheduled miles credit.</p> <p>(2) Shortened Ride: If weather conditions worsen during a ride, riders who abandon will get "shortened ride" credit. Further, regardless of weather, an illness, an accident, or irreparable damage to a bicycle may force a rider to abandon a ride. In any of these cases, the Member earns credit for 50% of the listed mileage if half or less of the ride is completed, or full listed mileage if more than half is completed.</p> <p>(3) All riders must wear helmets on all Club rides.</p> <p>(4) All Riders shall begin and end the ride at the designated start location and complete the posted ride.</p> <p>(5) Any Rider participating in a club ride may be required to submit verification of completion of the designated route and mileage electronically at the discretion of the Statistician.</p>
#3	
#6	

Change	
#4	Change the definition of Regular Rides to be Local Rides by further defining "local starting point".
#4	<p><u>B) Regular Local Rides</u> Rides not involving an overnight, published on either Schedule, having a local starting point originating in Clark, Floyd, Scott, Harrison, Washington counties in Indiana and Jefferson county in Kentucky, and having a Club Member designated as Ride Captain are Regular Local Rides. Members completing these rides will earn the mileage listed.</p> <p><u>C) Recognized Regional Rides</u> There are a number of regional rides available such as Hilly Hundred, Indy Night Ride, Midwest Tandem Ride, Hope Ride, and others. If the Officers who write our schedules choose to list any of these rides on either schedule, Members who pay entry fees can earn mileage credit for doing these rides regardless of the number who attend.</p> <p><u>DC) Overnight Rides</u> SIW Members will earn mileage listed for scheduled Overnight Rides starting in the local area. To get mileage credit for the return trip, it must be ridden after an overnight.</p> <p><u>ED) Out-of-Town Rides</u> For scheduled rides that do not fit B, C, or D above and are attended by five (5) or more SIW Members, mileage credit will be earned for actual miles ridden.</p> <p><u>FE) Ride Captain Duties</u> Ride Captains must use an Official Sign-up Sheet, the data from which should be submitted to the Statistician within one week. The Ride Captain should strive to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) list the ride with accurate mileage and difficulty ratings. (2) introduce any new people. (3) provide maps and/or route instructions. (4) start the ride at the prescribed time with a 15 minute grace period. (5) ride at the back or appoint someone to ride at the back. (6) assist with breakdowns. <p><u>GF) Ride Captain Absence</u> Riders should choose a substitute Ride Captain to submit names and mileage to the Statistician.</p> <p><u>HG) Events</u> Members can earn miles for participating in events listed on a Ride Schedule, if approved by the President.</p>

Check out the New "Combined Rides" Schedule Views

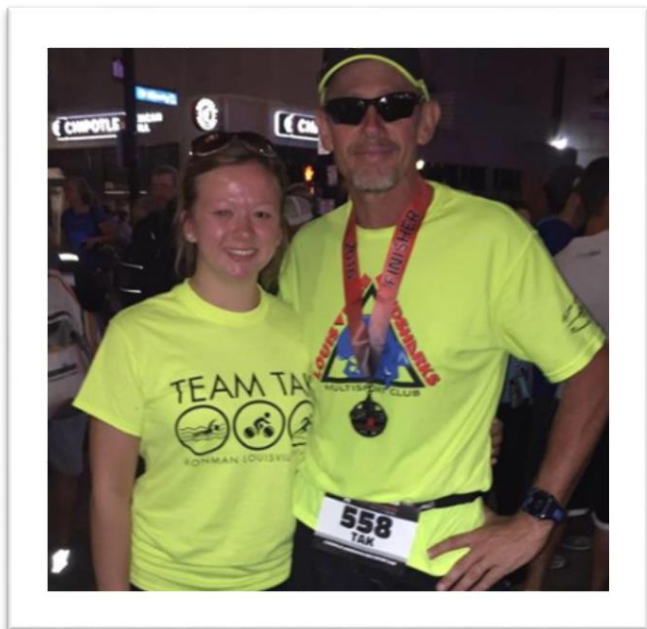
We have combined the Slowspokes and Wheelmen schedules into one convenient listing – available in both a Google Calendar format and as a "spread sheet". Note that there is a print option for either view. To see these on the website, click on the  button and then click on the icon on the left side: 

Below are snapshots of the new views but the best way to see how they work is to view the page on the website. There is no plan to do away with the current separate schedules. However, we are considering re-formatting them into the "spread sheet" view as given below. **So please review and let Jeanne and Tim know your thoughts and suggestions.**

SIW Ride Schedule : OCTOBER 2016

Southern Indiana Wheelmen Association, Inc.									
Activities Schedule									
Helmets are required on all rides.									
OCTOBER 2016									
SS = "Slowspokes" rides: these rides tend to be slower, shorter and flatter than the "Wheelmen" (WH) rides. All riders are welcome to attend any and all rides - please contact the Ride Captain with any questions you may have about pace, location, etc. New riders are always welcome! Terrain Rating: 1=Flat, 2=Flat with a few hills, 3=Moderately hilly, 4=Hilly. Support Level: Min = Route directions, Med = directions & Captain rides with slower riders, Max = Full SAG support.									
SCH	DAY	DATE	TIME	START- DESCRIPTION	RIDE CAPT	PHONE	RATING	MILEAGE	CUE
WH	Sat	1	8:00 AM	Lanesville High School - Laconia	John Neichter	502-759-0425	3MIN	68	3680
SS	Sat	1	9:00 AM	Silver Creek High School	Donnie Gladin	502-593-8722	3MED	26/40/53/72	
SS	Sat	1	10:00 AM	Lanesville High School	Brian Christoff	502-553-1313	3MED	26/40/55/65	
WH	Sat	1	2:00 PM	Graceland	Michael Hottos	812-989-1388	3MIN	15/30/40/50	
SS	Sun	2	10:00 AM	Silver Creek High School	Joe Gutmann	502-296-1009	3/4MED	25/35/50	
SS	Sun	2	2:00 PM	So. Indiana Visitor Center, Jeffersonville	Joan Gilley	812-989-7270	1MED	15/25	
WH	Sun	2	2:00 PM	Mr. Hardware Georgetown	Bryan Huhnerkoch	812-704-2448	3MIN	29	
WH	Sun	2	3:00 PM	Silver Creek High School	Bill Kenealy	502-553-0508	3MIN	15/25	
SS	Mon	3	8:15 AM	Speed Park - Towards New Market	Alison Ewart	502-541-1026	3MED	15/39/47/55	
SS	Mon	3	3:00 PM	Speed Park	Tony Duncan	502-640-3923	3MED	15/25	
WH	Mon	3	5:00 PM	Silver Creek High School	Bill Kenealy	502-553-0508	3MIN	15/25	
SS	Mon	3	5:15 PM	Silver Creek High School - Mt. Grove Loop	Bill Horton	502-296-6248	2/3MED	15/26	
SS	Tue	4	8:45 AM	Speed Park	Ed Gootee	502-550-8580	2/3MED	20/30/40	
SS	Tue	4	10:00 AM	So. Indiana Visitor Center, Jeffersonville	Joan Gilley	812-989-7270	1MED	15/20	
SS	Tue	4	4:45 PM	Silver Creek High School	Joe Gutmann	502-296-1009	3MED	25	
WH	Tue	4	5:00 PM	Garrv Cavan Park	John Neichter	502-759-0425	4MIN	25	2242

Congratulations to Tak Koerner for completing the Louisville Ironman competition on October 9th!



Your newsletter editor needs your help! If you have a favorite ride in January and February that you would like to share with other cyclists, please drop me a note by December 15th with the name of the ride and a website, if available. It will be included in the **UPCOMING EVENTS in the next newsletter.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
So Long 2016! Happy Cycling in 2017!