



THE SPROCKET

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S.I.W. President's Message

Hi SIW Members,

There is much SIW information to report.

The Good:

- **WE'RE BACK!** It is great seeing so many riders on club rides since our re-opening. We have a number of new riders in the club, like Katie, Colin and JB (to name a few). Let's make all of our new riders feel comfortable and safe on our rides.
- **Welcome all new members!** Please come out and ride with the club. One of the few positives from Covid has been the increased interest in bike riding and bike purchases. We rode 29,538 miles as a club in June. Thanks Bryan Huhnerkoch for being the "best bike club statistician" in America.
- Thank you, **Jeanne Garrison Young** for putting together a thoughtful and comprehensive July Ride Schedule. It takes a great deal of time to put this together and the club really appreciates your work.
- Please remember to follow all of the guidelines for Covid and our reopening. Many areas of the country are seeing a resurgence of infections and having to pull back on re-openings. Let's be as safe as possible and follow all the guidelines recommended on our website. Please, please, please for your safety and the safety of others.
- Please attend the club meeting on **Sunday, June 12th at 7 p.m.** for our July Club Meeting via **Zoom**. Zoom is a free app. This is a new time and day of the week for the meeting. The invitation to join the meeting is:
Topic: Joe Gutmann's Zoom Meeting-Southern Indiana Wheelmen July Club Meeting
Time: Jul 12, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86468776943?pwd=dGVYYWnd6RWRCQkNPeXB5dG9BRStTd09>
Meeting ID: 864 6877 6943
Password: 0iurTB

The Not so good:

- Get Well **Bridget Zipp!** Bridget broke her ankle on a Saturday ride 2 weeks ago. I am happy to report that she is getting better and looking forward to her next ride.
- **Dogs on our rides.** Recently, we have had a number of issues with dogs on a few of our rides. **The rule of thumb**, if you can out run the dog safely, do it. If you can't, stop get off your bike and keep your bike between you and the dog. If the dog continues to be aggressive you can use your bike as a weapon to protect yourself. You can also carry pepper spray. When I first starting riding with the club, my spray "HALT" was always in my back pocket. I don't recommend using "pepper spray". It is hard to use and if you aren't careful the wind will blow it back in your face. I found using spray from your water bottle to be just as effective. While working on this article, a man was attacked and killed by a large dog in Jeffersonville, not far from where we ride. A stray dog can be dangerous. Be careful. Please do not confront the owners. If you are bitten, you should immediately call 911. Stay at the scene, if possible and file a police report.



Next Club Meeting:

Sunday, July 12, 2020
Zoom

We will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

Come join us & support your club.

Happy
Birthday!



EVERY YEAR ITS THE SAME THING, "C'MON TERRY PUT ON A BIRTHDAY HAT, IT'LL BE FUN, WE'LL HELP YOU TAKE IT OFF LATER" BUT NO ONE EVER DOES

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July		August	
Micah Fritzing	07/01	Liza Domagalski	08/02
Larry Bolan	07/02	Susie Hammond	08/03
Frances Campbell	07/03	Cedric Tuttle	08/03
Greg Montagano	07/03	Alison Ewart	08/05
Reggie Helton	07/07	Mary Ann Reynolds	08/05
Donnie Gladin	07/10	Steven Ton	08/05
Susie Peters	07/10	Rick Bonam	08/07
Tim Meyer	07/12	Jim Shelton	08/08
Mary Quinn	07/12	Brian Christoff	08/09
Tammy Hogan	07/13	Pat Gladin	08/09
Rosa Maynard	07/14	Roger Bottorff	08/16
Walter Havens	07/16	Richard Jones	08/17
Rita Horton	07/22	Bernie Campbell	08/19
Bill Sligar	07/24	Roger Bauer	08/20
Bill Kenealy	07/25	Barb Beach	08/20
Nita Bernat	07/29	Kay Dean	08/22

Upcoming Events

See Ride Schedules <http://siwheelmen.org/rides.htm> for additional details

Date	Title	Location	RC
July 12, 7:00 PM prompt	Club Meeting	Zoom Meeting – Link not available yet.	
July 18	RAIN – Ride Across Indiana - Cancelled		
July 19 – 23, 25 - 29	The Missouri Double Cross! link	Defiance, MO	Joe Gutmann
July 25 - 31	RAGBRAI - Cancelled		
July 25 & 26	Amishland & Lakes - Cancelled	805 E 075 N, LaGrange, IN, 46761	
Aug 3	Bourbon & Bluegrass Century Ride - Cancelled	O. Z. Tyler Distillery 10 Distillery Rd, Owensboro, KY, 42301	
Aug 1	Le Tour de Pork – Still Active	Turtle Run Winery - Active 940 St. Peters Rd. NE, Corydon, IN	TBD
Sep 12	Bike To Beat Cancer – Virtual & In-Person	Norton Cancer Institute Brownsboro 4955 Norton Healthcare Blvd, Louisville, KY	TBD
Sep 13	Door County Century Ride	812 N 14th Ave Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235	Eric Madison
Sep 19	Hope Ride – Still Active	Hauser High School 9273 North State Road 9, Hope, IN, 47246	TBD

Additional information on bicycling in Indiana can be found by contacting:

Bicycle Indiana • info@bicycleindiana.org • www.bicycleindiana.org

Southern Indiana Wheelmen web pages • <http://siwheelmen.org/>

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 / 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.

S.I.W. President's Message continued...

- **Remember to communicate on rides.** We have had some incidents this year with riders passing on the right and/or left without advising the other rider. This is dangerous for everyone involved. Safety for each other is our number one concern. Please communicate effectively with your fellow riders.
- Most organized bike rides for the summer and fall have been canceled. The club ride in Wisconsin and Minnesota, RAGBRAI, TOSRV, Horsey Hundred, Hilly Hundred and Louisville Bicycle Club's new Grand Fondo ride. Anyone "jonesing" for an out of town ride, The Katy Trail and Missouri Double Cross is still open and available. Here is a link to ride and it is on the schedule. Please contact me, if you have any questions. <https://pkbelly.com/events/>

And the Ugly:

- After a great 42year run, the 43rd Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour is postponed until October 2, 2021. It was a tough and painful decision to make. The officers, board and HHBT Committee held off as long as we could before making a decision. We will make it the best ever! Attached is a link to the club statement regarding this decision. <https://www.siwheelmen.org/docs/hhbt2020-cancel.pdf>

Please be safe and enjoy the ride! Thanks,

Joe G

Editor's Note:

If you would like to join us in expanding the newsletter or help us with a one-time article submission please email us at: SIWNewsletter@ericmadison.com