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S.I.W. President's Message

Hello Fellow Southern Indiana Wheelmen Members,

It has been an honor and privilege to have been the SIW President for the last 2 years. Thank you for allowing me this privilege. I truly believe that we have a great group of friendly, motivated and committed riders that use our club for both the health and social aspects that biking allows. I feel that my term as your President was time well spent and I am happy to have formed closer bonds with many of you that I hope will continue.

2020 has been a historically difficult year due to the COVID pandemic. Everyone on the executive leadership team worked together to find workable solutions for the club. Under the circumstances we did what we thought was in "the best interest of the club and membership". We lost 10 weeks of the riding season, cancelled the Harvest Homecoming Ride and the annual awards banquet. As a club, we will be better prepared and rejuvenated for these events in 2021. If COVID is under control we will attempt a spring/summer awards banquet.

CONGRATULATIONS!! to everyone who reached a goal or milestone during the 2020 riding season. COVID will not diminish these achievements. These achievements are eternal. Best wishes for your 2021 goals. **Please DO NOT forget to renew your club membership for 2021.** You risk losing your mileage between October and January, if it not renewed by December 31st. Because we are not having the banquet, I am concerned many may forget.

Club Elections! Our annual club meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, November 16th @ 6 PM. The invitation will be in the "members only" section of the SIW Website. The agenda of the meeting will be as follows:

Club Business, Nominations for Officers and Board. We will break and an online ballot will be prepared. At 7:00 p.m. we will resume with the announcement of new officers. Every position (whether there is an incumbent or not) is available. This is your opportunity to get involved. I am pleased to announce that David Campbell has accepted a nomination for President. The positions include all bylaw offices and board of directors.

Kudos:

Thanks **Debbie Shelton** and **Barbara Thorn** for organizing a wonderful Halloween Ride. Unfortunately, Mother Nature thought we had the Polar Bear Ride scheduled. Hopefully, the 2.0 edition will have seasonal weather.

To all Ride Captains! The 2020 season was successful thanks to you hosting rides. It couldn't have happened without you.

Paul Beach! For professionally taking on the frustrating and time-consuming task of organizing the annual awards. (We will be setting up at Clarksville Schwinn one Saturday in December to distribute awards and induct the new Officers (with the added benefit of being able to Christmas shop) date and time to be announced.

To All Special Event Organizers and Hosts! These events are the difference between a good club and a great club. Thanks for all your work.

Tim Meyer! For making it easy to renew club memberships through the website.

To All of the Officers! You are a great group of people and friends. Thanks for your guidance and support during the year. Thanks for all of your work.

To All Club Members! You make SIW the successful club it is. Keep riding.

My Best Always,
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

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Title	Location	RC
November 16	Club Meeting	Zoom Meeting A – 6 PM Zoom Meeting B – 7 PM	
November 26	Thanksgiving Ride	Silver Creek High School – 10 AM	Bob Peters 812-948-2453

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/>**



Next Club Meeting:

**Monday, November 16, 2020
Zoom**

We will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.

Come join us & support your club.

Happy Birthday!



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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

November		December	
Paul Fridell	11/03	Debbie Farrell	12/02
Micah Jenkins	11/04	Maggie Ridge	12/05
Christina Groves	11/07	Jeanette Gettelfinger	12/06
Joan Gilley	11/09	James Keahey	12/08
Emalee Aldridge	11/10	Debbie Shelton	12/08
Jedidiah Fritzinger	11/10	Luke Tuttle	12/08
Margaret Walton	11/10	Holli Koster	12/11
Paul Colon	11/14	Kenneth McCardwell	12/14
David Rausch	11/15	Janet Bolan	12/17
Ron Loughmiller	11/20	Joe Gutmann	12/18
Beth Duczeminski	11/22	Rachel Mccomb	12/18
Lewis Reyman	11/23	Kurt Resener	12/18
Marshall Eldred	11/27	Frankie Willbanks	12/18
Bill Fible	11/28	Larry Best	12/19
Christopher Morris	11/30	Glenn Koster	12/23
		Carole Sutton	12/24
		Ravena Meyer	12/25
		Linda Donovan	12/26
		Sarah Kluender	12/26
		Wendy Whaley	12/26
		Georgette Hottos	12/27
		Jason Korte	12/27

excerpt from Carson Torpey

Christian Engelman

November 25, 1987

Engelman, 79, native of Corydon, is a clockmaker, an avid bicyclist and an inventor. "Back home in Indiana, my brother and I built a Heath Parasol high-wing airplane. I flew it, but the FBI told us to dismantle it during World War II." Engelman's dream is to see his patented "radial bicycle brake" on all production bikes. He feels the radial brake is far safer than conventional hand or pedal brakes. He is seen here standing with pride of his bicycle collection, a 105-year-old, nickel-plated high-wheeler. "Indiana is a progressive state in some ways to me."



I began riding with SIW in the early 1990s. I started in a bike seat on the back of my dad's bike and then began riding on a tandem modified to my height by age eight. I rode the tandem with my dad until about age fourteen and then gave up cycling for many years. In 2016, a friend re-introduced me to cycling and I bought my first road bike which I still ride today. Besides dealing with the current pandemic, this crazy year of 2020 has been a year of mechanical bike issues for me. It has been one problem after another as I have had to fix my bike multiple times, however SIW has provided me the support to continue riding. About six weeks ago I arrived to a ride to find I had a defective valve stem, needing to replace the tube which spiraled to other issues. However, about ten other riders postponed their ride to wait nearly 30 minutes while four SIW members were determined to repair my bike so I could ride. These four guys postponed their day to assist while the other members waited and gave moral support to the fix. Additionally, two other times my chain got locked between my cassette and wheel and SIW members stopped to help and assist. I know several members have had cycling wrecks or bigger issues than me this year, but the support SIW members provide to each other is why this organization is so important. It's encouraging to know other members are always there for me if needed on rides. I appreciate all of the time the members of this organization provide to keep SIW active and growing.

Over the past few months, I have established many new friendships and love the friendly banter these club members give me. As I have gained strength and endurance this year, I have learned how much I truly love cycling. I appreciate the leadership and helpful criticism provided to make me a stronger cyclist. I am blessed to be a member of an organization that has been part of my family for countless years. I look forward to many more miles, laughs, memories, and friendships that will last a lifetime. Thank you SIW for the smiles and miles!

Holly Campbell
Daughter of Bernie and Jan Campbell



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.