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SIW's President's Message

The calendar is drawing a significant amount of my attention. I happily celebrated my birthday on September 3rd by hiking the Elm Lick Trail in Bernheim Forest and riding Mount Lebanon with the Southern Indiana Wheelmen. As I remind myself each morning, every day is a gift.

The 43rd Annual Harvest Homecoming Tour is less than a month away. If you have not volunteered to help, I encourage you to contact Paul Beach via email at beachbike42@gmail.com to volunteer. Please remember that you need to register if you plan to ride. The Annual Harvest Homecoming Tour is the principal source of funding for our club.

Health and safety are two themes I consider essential to our club. While we have not adopted any specific SIW guidelines in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19 over the past two months, I want to emphasize that each of us needs to be diligent to follow the guidance of the CDC. As we gather before rides, please maintain a safe distance between yourself and other riders.

Two key points of CDC guidance to maximize protection from the COVID-19 Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others is to get vaccinated as soon as you can and wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission. An added CDC recommendation for fully vaccinated people who have come into close contact with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 is to be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

Our next SIW Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m via Zoom. The Clarksville Library remains closed for meetings. I am exploring if I can find another venue that may allow us to meet outside with an option to meet inside wearing masks if it rains.

David Campbell

If you need a quick response from me, please call or text me at [502-262-4771](tel:502-262-4771). For less urgent matters, my email address is campbelb5730@sbcglobal.net.



Next Club Meeting:

**Monday, September 13, 2021
Zoom**

We will begin promptly at 6:30 PM.

Come join us & support your club.



September		October	
Jessica Christoff	09/01	Tom Burkhart	10/01
Clare Burkhart	09/02	Nick Domagalski	10/01
David Campbell	09/03	Judy Hesse	10/06
Jessica Madison	09/04	Michael Sligar	10/06
Kevin Kennedy	09/08	Phyllis Andres	10/09
Holly Campbell	09/09	Joe Bolan	10/11
Hannah Railey	09/11	Bob Grable	10/14
Kim Stone	09/13	Shawna Davis	10/16
Tim Gettelfinger	09/15	Mark Luking	10/16
Bob Hamilton	09/18	Woodrow Elliot	10/17
Donna Shain	09/18	Matthew Gettelfinger	10/17
Brad Farrell	09/20	Ray Thomas	10/18
Leslie Malony	09/22	Reuben Fritzingler	10/20
Janet Jacobi	09/24	Jan Campbell	10/22
Claudia Fritzingler	09/25	Cindy Barranco	10/23
Katie Domagalski	09/28	Bill Horton	10/27
Kristie Madison	09/28	James Wayman	10/28
Michael Truitt	09/28	John Evers	10/31
Stan Wheeler	09/30		

Madison Family Trip

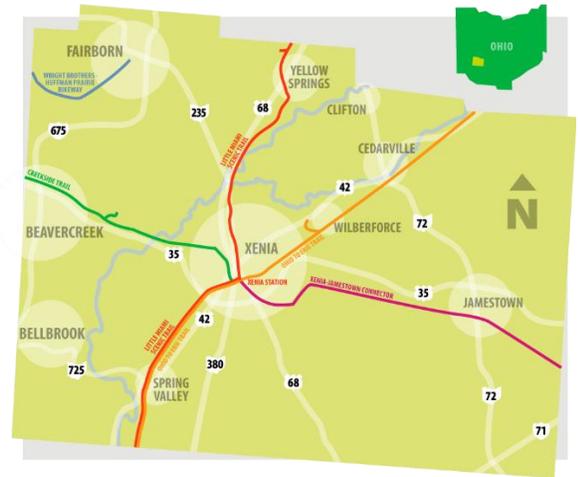
Xenia, OH

My sister and I brought our families to Xenia, OH for a week of biking. Xenia has 5 trails leading out of town. We were fortunate enough to be able to pick our route daily by wind and distance. Melissa, my sister used <https://www.airbnb.com> to find lodging. She found 2 houses on the same street and block. We were able to bike from the house each day and take a different trail.

The trails were 100% paved and in good condition. The paths had some food stops directly next to the route. Some days we would have to venture ½ mile or so to find lunch. The public restrooms were open and had water filling stations as well on the paths. The elevation on the routes was minimal, I think our worst day was 500 feet in 50 miles. Most of the routes were shaded and had little traffic as well. We were able to spend the nights together playing card games and sharing ice cream. We were in Xenia for their 4th of July festivities. They started their celebration on Friday July 2nd. The festivities had a carnival like atmosphere. Complete with Bounce houses, parade, carnival games and several food trucks; followed by Fireworks. We were fortunate enough that our houses were about 4 blocks away so we could walk.

Over all Xenia has a small-town atmosphere and the locals are very welcoming. We highly recommend Xenia for a safe and enjoyable biking experience. We really thought it was a hidden gem and look forward to finding similar layouts elsewhere in America.

Eric Madison



The Return to Amishland & Lakes Bike Tour

After 2 yrs. of withdrawal from Amish country in N. In., 15 + SIWers joined other cyclists from all over to pedal back into familiar terrain. While some things had changed, like no cue sheets passed out & smaller packets dispersed, the roads were marked very precise & less paper stuff to deal with. Yes, the horse & buggies were out in full force making it fun for us cyclists to keep up with them. We were also treated to a group of female teens, dressed in their pretty pastel shirts as they wheeled into town via their horse drawn wagon.

Friday's ride on the Pumpkin Vine trail was stunning with wildflowers, gardens, and shady forests as we shared the trail with many Amish families cycling to their events.

Saturday & Sunday rides looped around lakes and well manicured Amish farms nestled with well stocked Sags.

The Amish stands, appeared in front yards of their homes, were manned mostly by Amish kids, whom seemed delighted by our presence & support of their yummy treats, such as Rootbeer floats, homemade donuts, soft pretzels, cookies & bars, etc, etc. suffice to say, we had to keep pedaling to work it all off & make it to the next food stand. Is it any wonder, it took all day to pedal 50 mi. All worth it!

I think we all enjoyed the event, thanks to the great weather and careful planning by the bicycle community. Looking forward to next year at Amish. Come join us!

Carole Sutton







Upcoming Events

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

Date	Title	Location	RC
September 13, 6:30 PM	Club Meeting	Zoom	
October 2, 7:30 AM	Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour	Lanesville, IN	

If you are interested in submitting pictures or an article to *The Sprocket* Newsletter please contact Holly Campbell at hcampbell6229@gmail.com.

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.