



THE SPROCKET

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SIW's President's Message,

Greetings on the twelfth day of Christmas on January 5, 2022. Long ago during the Renaissance, twelfth night was the major feast during the Christmas season. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and happy new year!

Twenty twenty-one was a successful year with a return to an uninterrupted ride schedule, hosting The 43rd Harvest Homecoming Bicycling Tour, and celebrating the year at the Club Banquet held at Joe Huber's. Joe Gutman and Paul Beach along with others planned and executed a wonderful banquet at Huber's.

The winter solstice occurred on December 21, 2021, and we are very slowly gaining daylight for club rides. On the other hand, temperatures are becoming colder so we have fewer numbers at our club rides. If, like me, you are riding this winter, please be careful in terms of weather conditions and the added difficulty of dealing with even minor issues such as a flat tire. As much as possible, please ride with another person.

The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic are still with us and it's important for us to stay safe while following the guidance from the Center for Disease Control and our local health departments. Due to the increased risk of meeting in-person, our January meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. If you are feeling ill, please seriously consider opting to not participate in club rides.

As we make plans for this year, please take time to reflect on our mission and how we might pilot a project or two to expand our impact on our club members and the community at large. Our purpose/mission is "to promote, advance, improve and enjoy the sport of bicycling." Please share your ideas with me or another club officer.

On a final note, please update your 2022 calendar by adding The Harvest Homecoming Bicycling Tour that is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2022. It's a primary activity for us to live into our mission, plus it's the major driver of income to provide the financial resources for our club.

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, January 10, 2022

via Zoom

We will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.

Join us & support your club.

**Happy
Birthday**



January		February	
Nancy Lovett	01/01	Ron Galbraith	02/01
Marty Jones	01/02	Bill Priddy	02/18
Dick Keith	01/12	Larry Meadows	02/20
Robin Meredith	01/12	Patti Hartog	02/27
Bryan Huhnerkoch	01/16		
Michael Hottois	01/21		
Barbara Thorn	01/21		
Sharon Thomas	01/22		
Peggy Bannon	01/28		
Tony Wilson	01/29		



Annual Awards Dinner 2021

Saturday, December 11th

ACCUMULATIVE PLAQUE AWARDS

Miles

5,000	Chris Livers John Hamilton Kristie Madison Greg Montagano Michael Poindexter		
10,000	Roger Bauer Eric Madison Mary Quinn Jim Shelton	40,000	Ed Gootee Michael Hottos Ron Loughmiller Leslie Malony Barbara Thorn
15,000	Scott Aldridge Kim Stone	45,000	Bryan Huhnerkoch
20,000	Ann Bishop Jessica Christoff Bill Sligar	50,000	Brian Christoff Maggie Ridge
25,000	Teri Blackman David Campbell Ed Hatfield Rosa Maynard Debbie Shelton Stan Wheeler	55,000	Mark Rieger
30,000	Don Gettelfinger	60,000	Kim Decker
35,000	Ben Blackman Tony Duncan Jeanne G-Young Kevin Kennedy Carole Sutton	65,000	Joe Bolan John Evers Tim Gettelfinger
		70,000	Donnie Gladin
		75,000	Joe Gutmann
		80,000	John Neichter
		110,000	Barb Beach
		115,000	Bill Kenealy
		145,000	Paul Beach
		155,000	Ron Galbraith

Around the World (24,901 Miles)

Teri Blackman
Debbie Shelton
David Campbell
Stan Wheeler
Ed Hatfield

Double Around the World (49,802 Miles)

Brian Christoff
Bob Peters
Maggie Ridge

2021 TOURING CHAMPIONS

(Under 55)

Men – Roger Bauer
Women – Jessica Christoff

(55 and Over)

Men – David Campbell
Women – Maggie Ridge

MILEAGE AWARDS

Scott Aldridge	1,005	Bill Sligar	1,677		
Larry Hartog	1,053	Joan Gilley	1,774	Dennis Campbell	3,343
Jamie Seibert	1,060	Michael Poindexter	1,938	Tim Gettelfinger	3,599
Chris Livers	1,063	Kristie Madison	2,016	Roger Bauer	3,606
Bill Fible	1,077	Mary Ann Reynolds	2,069	John Hamilton	3,685
Susie Peters	1,089	Jeanette Gettelfinger	2,104	Teri Blackman	3,876
Bernie Campbell	1,116	Mark Rieger	2,108	Kim Decker	3,971
Janet Jacobi	1,116	Clare Burkhart	2,152	Leslie Malony	4,001
George Wilding	1,165	Donna Neel	2,220	Ben Blackman	4,012
Jeanne Garrison-Young	1,169	Tony Barranco	2,245	Bill Kenealy	4,105
Woodrow Elliot	1,200	Bill Priddy	2,315	Ed Gootee	4,349
Chad Gillenwater	1,245	Jan Campbell	2,404	Peggy Bannon	4,357
Robin Meredith	1,250	Marty Jones	2,405	Jim Shelton	4,533
Tony Young	1,256	Jessica Christoff	2,442	Joe Bolan	4,613
Marla Huhnerkoch	1,266	Nancy Lovett	2,591	John Neichter	4,755
Mike Jacobi	1,322	Ann Bishop	2,622	Ron Galbraith	5,016
Rosa Maynard	1,360	Brian Christoff	2,636	Ron Loughmiller	5,311
Cindy Barranco	1,378	Carole Sutton	2,701	Joe Gutmann	5,487
Ed Hatfield	1,385	John Evers	2,722	Barb Beach	5,493
Michael Truitt	1,387	Greg Montagano	2,837	Don Gettelfinger	6,262
Holly Campbell	1,416	Eric Madison	2,854	Paul Beach	6,513
Ken McCardwell	1,449	Michael Hottois	2,894	David Campbell	7,756
Donnie Gladin	1,501	Roben Rosenberger	3,059	Barbara Thorn	9,211
David Rausch	1,642	Tony Duncan	3,101	Debbie Shelton	13,388
Lindsey Cook	1,647	Bryan Huhnerkoch	3,289	Maggie Ridge	14,530













**Some of the
SIW Officers 2021**



*Thank you to all who attended the
2021 SIW Awards Banquet*



Bikes or Bust Event

1015 bikes were collected in Clarksville for the event.
Thank you to all SIW members who participated in the event.



Dare to Care Food Bank Donation

SIW donated \$2,000 to Dare to Care. The money was raised from the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour on October 2, 2021.



Some of us ride to improve our health, for exercise, to socialize, to get away from reality, for stress relief, or just because we enjoy riding. I think we can all agree cycling on an open road can be relaxing and allows our minds to wander. Have you ever thought about what others are thinking as they are riding.....here are some of Ed's thoughts when he is quietly riding.

Article contribution by Ed "green socks" Gootee

The alternate theory of karst formation

As I rode on my bicycle north of Corydon, I looked at the fields and marveled at the numerous karsts. But what if the indentations in fields were not caused by the collapse of the karst. That long ago there was a civilization which was part a galactic settlement of this region of space. A settlement that was caught in the cross hairs of a rival group. The settlement was a mining community when our planet was young and not yet populated with intelligent species. The coveted resources would provide a steady and profitable income for the settlers.

They were miners and prospectors looking for wealth. The area that they settled on was once covered by an ocean. It was the perfect place to build their city. The mining operation was an easy hover skiff ride from the settlement. The town was far enough away to keep the air clean without purifiers. Carbon in its raw state was dirty. But after being processed it provided the materials needed to build spacecraft and empires.

The planet was indeed a rich source of the mineral that fueled the civilization so many light years away. This was also a problem. Other civilizations also wanted to have access to the mineral. Then as now brute force often decided who would have the rights to the mineral.

The city had a defensive shield to protect from meteors and the storms that ravaged this planet. But when the rival civilization attacked it was not strong enough to resist the bolts of energy that rained down. When the shield failed, the bombardment continued impacting the soil. There were impact craters everywhere. The force of the bombardment on the surface fractured the rock below were made. And soon the city and the inhabitants were nothing but a pile of dust. The dust created by the weapons discharge and the soil contaminated the planet. The toxic air meant that it would be some time before carbon could be mined on this planet. They would return when it was safe for them.

The impact carters soon were filled with water from the violent storms. The water seeped into and through the cracks. After many millennia, the city was erased but the cracks grew from the constant water from the storms. The cracks got bigger and joined other cracks. Soon a channel was created to carry the water. As the water dug deeper into the earth the old passages became dry. And with time gradually opened up to the surface as caves.

DRAFT PENDING REVIEW AT THE JANUARY 2022 MEETING
Minutes of the Southern Indiana Wheelmen Meeting
November 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President David Campbell at 6:05 PM. He welcomed everyone to the virtual SIW ZOOM Board meeting. 16 people attended.

Minutes

Secretary Peggy Bannon submitted the minutes from the September 13, 2021 meeting. Leslie Maloney made the motion to accept the minutes. Joe Gutmann seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Officers' Reports

Secretary

Peggy Bannon stated nothing to report.

Treasurer

David Campbell reported that the beginning balance on September 1, 2021 was \$20,896.96 with an ending balance on October 31, 2021 of \$29,076.97. David followed with a review of Harvest Homecoming Bike Ride final financials. Leslie Maloney motioned to accept the report. John Neichter seconded. All were in favor.

Slowspokes

No report

Wheelmen

John Neichter reported that fewer people are doing rides. He has reached out to members who are riding solo to add their rides to schedule.

Statisticians

Bryan Huhnerkoch asked that even if a ride is cancelled or no one shows up, please send info to Bryan.

Webmaster

Tim Meyer reported that the webpage is in pretty good shape. He spoke to the several years ago when Joe Gutmann invited him to come out and ride. Time to pass the torch. Many members thanked him for the inspiration, information and how much the website and Facebook group have grown.

Board of Directors

No report

Newsletter

No report.

Harvest Homecoming

Joe Gutman reported that all 101 jerseys had sold.

Old Business

Joe Gutman reminded that the Club Banquet would be Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Joe Huber's Family Restaurant. He will send out email reminders to the members.

New Business

David Campbell called for nominations for Club Officers. Since no contested positions, the vote covered the entire slate. The following were unanimously elected for 2022:

President -- David Campbell

Vice President – John Neichter

Slowspokes Coordinator – Eric Madison

Treasurer – Roben Rosenberger

Secretary -- Peggy Bannon

Statistician -- Bryan Huhnerkoch

Webmaster – Joe Bolan

Newsletter – Holly Campbell

Harvest Homecoming – Susie and Bob Peters

David called for nominations for Board of Directors. There was a runoff for the 2 positions for 3-year term.

After the election results, the 2022 Board of Directors are:

Clare Burkhardt

Bridget Zipp

Joe Guttman

David Rausch – 1 year

Mark Rieger -- 3 year

Randy Hein -- 3 year

Adjournment

Joe Gutmann motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tim Meyer seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:37.

Upcoming Events

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

Date	Title	Location	RC
January 10, 6:00 PM	Club Meeting	Zoom	

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.