



# THE SPROCKET

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## SIW's President's Message,

On September 3rd, I was delighted to celebrate my 69th birthday with my family. In addition to our biological families, each of us have chosen to associate with other individuals and groups that form our extended family. It has been my pleasure to be a member of the Southern Indiana Wheelmen family for more than twenty years.

If you are like me, we tend to most often choose SIW rides with a routine pattern. I encourage you to step outside your regular routine to ride in September from a new location.

Effective with the new ride season that begins on October 1, 2022, our rides will begin at the listed start time. Please make a note to make any needed adjustments to your pre-ride routine to arrive sufficiently early to be ready to ride at the listed start time.

Hopefully, you have your calendars marked for the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour on Saturday, October 1, 2022. Volunteering to help is simple via the link on the SIW homepage. If you have questions about volunteering, email Paul Beach at [beachbike42@gmail.com](mailto:beachbike42@gmail.com).

Finally, I hope to see you at a September club ride.

*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](mailto:campbelb5730@sbcglobal.net).



## Recent Club Meeting:

**Monday, September 12, 2022**

**at 6 pm Clarksville Public Library**

# Happy Birthday



September		October	
Jessica Christoff	09/01	Tom Burkhart	10/01
Clare Burkhart	09/02	Judy Hesse	10/06
David Campbell	09/03	Marcos Santana	10/07
Jessica Madison	09/04	Phyllis Andres	10/09
David Seevers	09/08	Joe Bolan	10/11
Holly Campbell	09/09	Bob Grable	10/14
Greg Sartor	09/10	Stacey Norcross	10/15
Hannah Railey	09/11	Robert Norcross, II	10/15
Terry Donovan	09/13	Woodrow Elliot	10/17
Tim Gettelfinger	09/15	Ray Thomas	10/18
Bob Hamilton	09/18	Reuben Fritzingler	10/20
Donna Shain	09/18	Jan Campbell	10/22
Brad Farrell	09/20	Cindy Barranco	10/23
Anne Fogle	09/21	John Evers	10/31
Anneq Fogle	09/21		
Leslie Malony	09/22		
Janet Jacobi	09/24		
Brice Catlett	09/25		
Claudia Fritzingler	09/25		
Kristie Madison	09/28		
Michael Truitt	09/28		
Stan Wheeler	09/30		

## Midwest Tandem Rally 2022

Two tandem teams from SIW participated in this year's MTR which was held in Decatur, Illinois over the Labor Day weekend. Brian and Jessica Christoff, and Teri and I rode our trusty steeds over several miles of flat countryside and small towns. The MTR kicked off on Friday with an ice cream ride through downtown Decatur. Along the 20 miles, you had a couple of different choices for a sweet treat; Teri and I stopped at Mister Softee, but others chose Krekel's Custard. After our stop, we were able to ride on some brick-paved streets in town, then onto a bike path which led to the road back to the host Hotel. Back at the Hotel, they had a vendor expo there for the weekend, and educational sessions on Saturday after the ride including one for tips on maintaining your tandem, and even a yoga session!

210 tandem teams started the ride on Saturday, beginning with a police escort and stoppage of traffic. It was a great sight to see so many fellow tandem-lovers out in force. Everyone wore a badge which had your name and hometown, so that was a good conversation starter. We met many fellow "tandemeers" from all over the Midwest. One couple had an older Santana that was in pristine condition. Turns out the Captain is a bike mechanic and takes great care of their machine. He said their bike was purchased 20 years ago...for their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! We also checked out everyone else's tandems. It's interesting seeing the number of different brands (Santanas, Co-Motions, Cannondales,...), their setups, as well as several tandem recumbents.

Lunches were part of your paid registration, and were provided by Panera. SAG stops were good; one of them was in a park where President Lincoln's Illinois homestead was located. Speaking of food, we found a couple of great places in town to eat, including some of the best brisket and ribs we've had. Part of the fun of going to out-of-town rides are finding little "holes in the wall" and neat places downtown to find something just a little different and memorable.

Saturday's ride was the flattest ride we've ever done. Sunday's ride was a little more rolling, but nothing like the hills we're accustomed to at home. Route choices were 35, 50 and 70 miles. Sunday had fewer riders due to the chance of rain, but we all finished before the heavy stuff came in. Many different skill sets came to the ride; some were very fast, most were about our average pace, some just cruised and did an easy 35 miles. A few had only ridden a handful of times and some were fairly new to tandeming. One family had a tandem for the husband and their daughter and another for the mother and their son. Another Dad rode with his 12 year old son, who had only ridden a handful of 25 mile rides before coming to MTR (they rode 50 both days!)

This is the third year we've attended MTR. In 2019, the event was in Columbus, IN. 2021 was in Racine, WI. MTR2023 will be held in Fort Wayne, IN. We intend on going, and hope to see more SIW tandems out there! It's a great event and would encourage anyone with a tandem to go.

Ben and Teri Blackman



## Amishland and Lakes 2022

On our recent road trip to Shipshewana, our Amish destination in N. In., we were greeted by Amish folk driving their horse & buggies, klop, klop, klop. The old familiar sound from last year. On our next couple of days, we would pedal the famous Pumpkin Vine trail thru the shady woods, wildflowers lining the trail & the Krider gardens w/its many assorted flora. Of course, the highlight of this tour is unmistakably the Amish yard stands bubbling w/fresh baked goodies provided by the kids. Utter Delight!

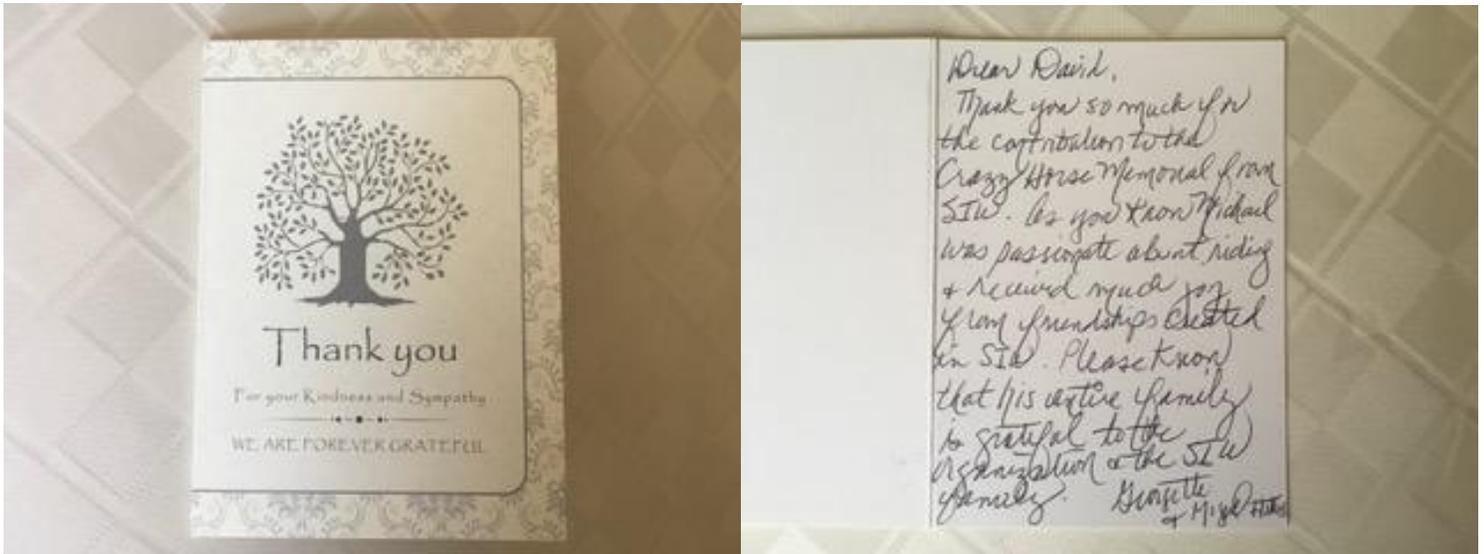
This year was great weather low to mid 70's & overcast skies. Out of 10 SIWers, 5 completed a century on Sat., the other 5 rode half century, so they could hit ALL the sags. Sun. was lovely riding around lakes in nearby LaGrange, In. Yes there were some hills. But no more than Southern In. We were all in agreement, it was a lovely ride and look forward to next year!

Carole Sutton





Thank you card from Georgette and Miguel Hottois



Mark your  
calendars

Southern Indiana Wheelmen presents. . .

# Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour 2022

Save the date!  
October 1, 2022



- ◆ Saturday, October 1, 2022
- ◆ Lanesville Heritage Park
- ◆ Lanesville, Indiana
- ◆ 5/24/40/65 Mile Courses
- ◆ On line registration coming soon
- ◆ Tee-shirts and jerseys for sale
- ◆ \$45 adult/\$15 child registration
- ◆ Fundraiser for Dare to Care

# Upcoming Events

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

Date	Title	Location	RC
October 1st	Harvest Homecoming Ride		

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

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

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**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](http://www.siwheelmen.org).