

THE SPROCKET

JULY-AUGUST 2023

• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •

Earlier today, I enjoyed watching the Tour de France as I recover from an accident on my bicycle on Monday, June 26th. I am also transitioning from riding the Tour of Minnesota to preparing to ride the Ohio to Erie Trail in the middle of July with my cousin-in-law.

The technology available to us today as bicyclists is truly amazing. While I have had a couple of false incident detections, Garmin incident detection worked as advertised and texted my exact location to my wife and two sons when I crashed on a SIW ride while riding solo. Thankfully, I was back on my bike and riding back to Silver Creek High School when I answered my son's phone call and let him know that I had crashed and was riding back to my car. Thankfully, the ER trip was uneventful and the injuries were limited to road rash and bruising. Yes, my bike faired well, and only needed new handlebar tape. In addition to the wonders of technology, it was a reminder that it's always best to ride with others.

The Tour of Minnesota was fabulous, and the weather was cooperative as well. I learned an important lesson that it's always important to deploy your tent fly regardless of the weather report. Failing to take this step left me with a challenging situation with wet clothing and gear due to a sudden thunderstorm. I'll add a thank you to Joe Gutmann who encouraged me to register for the ride as well as served as the Ride Captain.

In closing, please help us promote registration for the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour on Saturday, September 30, 2023, as well as volunteering to help staff the event.

David Campbell

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3 STEEPLES RIDE



Thank you for supporting the St. Mary's of the Knobs 3 Steeples Ride on May 20, 2023. I know the weather was a bit shaky in the morning, but the heavens parted, and the sun came out and we ended up having a great day for a bike ride. We had 137 registrations with 93 who hung in there and rode. What a fantastic turnout!

Thanks to you and our sponsors we were able to raise \$8,000 for the school. This was our best year yet.

Let's make next year even better by marking your calendar to make sure you do not miss this event. We have tentatively set the date to be May 18, 2024.

2024 is our 10th year anniversary for the 3 Steeples Bike Ride (2014-2024) and I hope to see all of you again and bring a friend! Stay tuned to see what special design the shirt will be for this anniversary.

Lastly, I'd love to hear from you. What did you like about the ride? What did you not like about the ride? Do you have any suggestions to make our ride better? I so look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to email me your comments at: 3steeples@gmail.com

Thank again for your support.
See you next year!

Robenette Rosenberger



CONGRATULATIONS

Jasper James Mork was born June 3, 2024 to Tom and Clare Burkhardt's daughter Katie and her husband Dakota. Mimi and Poppy are so proud!



BIRTHDAYS

JULY		AUGUST	
Frances Campbell	07/03	Andrea Neichter	08/01
Greg Montagano	07/03	Susie Hammond	08/03
Kala Means	07/08	Marcia Koetter	08/03
Donnie Gladin	07/10	Mary Ann Reynolds	08/05
Susie Peters	07/10	Jim Shelton	08/08
Keyton Brewer	07/11	Brian Christoff	08/09
Tim Meyer	07/12	Roger Bottorff	08/16
Mary Quinn	07/12	Tom Coulter	08/17
Terry Hensley	07/14	Brent Roberts	08/17
Elizabeth Niccum	07/16	Bernie Campbell	08/19
John Shelby	07/19	Amanda Eddleman	08/19
Matt Bridges	07/24	Barb Beach	08/20
Robert Price	07/24	Mark Rieger	08/21
Bill Sligar	07/24	Barbara Carter	08/26
Bill Kenealy	07/25		
Dennis Campbell	07/28		

RIDE SCHEDULES ARE POSTED ON

[HTTP://SIWHEELMEN.ORG/RIDES.HTM](http://siwheelmen.org/rides.htm)

GROUP TRIP TO MICHIGAN

Terry Graf, Joan's cousin, who was with us on our Michigan trip was in Virginia at his granddaughter's graduation party a few days later. He met a gentleman there whose parents had once resided in Evert Mi and he couldn't understand Terry staying 5 days and nights in Evert. Well we did and enjoyed those 5 days riding our bicycles. The best reason to be in Evert is that the motel is .6 mi from the bicycle trail.

Our group gathered in Evert on June 3, a Saturday, which had us mixed up most of the week because we usually arrived on a Sunday. We took a short ride and then decided to ride our bikes to the Lamplighter Cafe for dinner and then across the street for ice cream.

Most rose around 7 for breakfast of pancakes, cereal and fruit and we were ready to roll by 9.

On Monday, we rode west towards Reed City and then south to Big Rapids having our lunch outside at the Sawmill Saloon at the end of the paved trail. So on all these trails we backtracked. Terry planned for us to eat at the once local hotel that evening.



On Monday we headed east towards Farwell and after stopping to make reservations at the Lakeside Bar and Grill on our return trip, we ran into a group of cyclist called the Silverspokes. Several in the group had e bikes and one had a three wheeler e bike. We turned around at the town of Farwell and headed back to our stop for lunch which lasted about two hours. That night we opted for pizza at Pompeii Pizza. Some had sandwiches, some pizza and Bernie and Jan had a cauliflower crusted pizza. The evenings ended with dominoes of course.



This being Terry's last day, we drove to Clare and rode to Stanford where back in May of 2020 several dams breached and most of downtown Sanford was destroyed along with the road and bike trail. We ate at the new Red Oak Restaurant and Terry's wife Linda joined us for lunch. On our way out of town we rode past the newly built dam which will become operational around 2024. The name of the river which caused all the damage is Tittabawassee River. We parked our cars close to Cops and Donuts in Clare, so a donut or two was supper for most.

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One Wednesday morning we packed our cars, said goodbye to Marty and Bill and the rest drove to the train depot in Reed City and headed north on the trail to Leroy. Only being a 15 mi ride uphill, we decided not to eat there but headed down the almost 15 mile hill to Reed City. After we put our bikes on the rack, you guessed it, we headed for another bar to eat lunch, Sunny's Sports Bar and Grill. After lunch we left Bernie and Jan for their trip to Detroit to visit one last time with her aunt who passed away the next morning.

Janet, Robin, Ann, Mary Ann, Carole and Joan headed for one more day of riding on the Monon Trail north of Indy at the Grand Park. We rode the newly paved trail to Sherid, a 12 mile round trip and then south through Westfield and Carmel. The Carmel part was difficult as we had to maneuver around walkers who had the right away and they didn't budge. We had lunch at The Grindstone, and I'm sure it had bar in its name somewhere.

So all the places to eat, our motel, the trails, Cops and Donuts and of course oliveburgers made this a very enjoyable stay and I certainly don't want to leave out our Slowspokes' rider: Jan, Bernie, Joan, Ann, Janet, Robin, Carole, Mary Ann, Marty, and Bill and our honorary Slowspoker, Terry Graf.



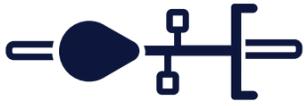
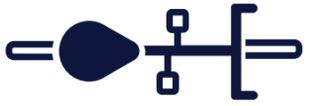


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TOUR OF MN



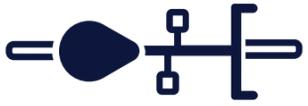
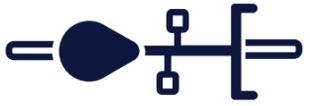
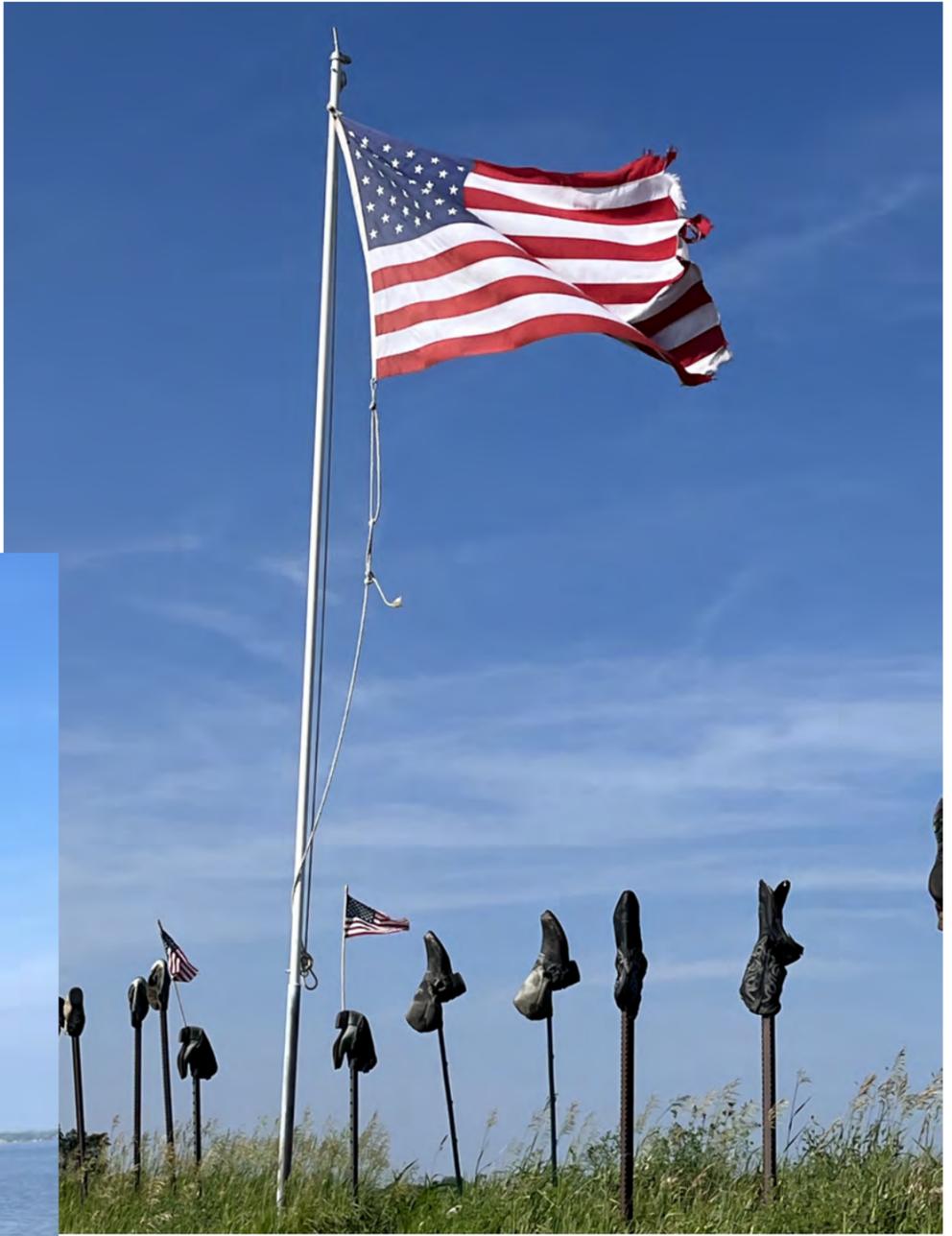


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ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS

If you are interested in submitting pictures or an article to *The Sprocket* Newsletter please contact Peggy Bannon at pannbann@gmail.com

JOIN IN THE FUN

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 or 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.

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