

THE SPROCKET

SUMMER 2024

• PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE •

Summer is Here

After several false starts, summer is finally here, which means it is time for everyone to rack up some miles. So far this year, in spite of the never-ending road construction and bad weather, we are up over 11,000 Club miles from this time last year, according to our statistician, Bryan Huhnerkoch. There were a couple out of town rides including Redbud and the Horsey Hundred, which were well-attended and there are a few overnight out of town trips coming up including Tour of Minnesota and RAGBRAI. If you participate in any of these rides try to wear one of the Club jerseys or Harvest Homecoming jerseys to advertise for SIW. Hey, they look cool too.

As we inch into summer, please be sun aware and try to use some sort of sun block whether it be protective clothing like sun sleeves or lotions. Over exposure to the sun is not good and as someone who did not listen to their parents as a youth I, and several of you have experienced some form of skin cancer so protect your skin. With the longer amount of sunlight each day until June 20 and our rides being longer, protect yourself.

Planning is well underway for the Harvest Homecoming Bicycle Tour for September 28 in Lanesville, Indiana and all Club members are encouraged to volunteer.

Thanks for your time and try to get a ride in.

John Neichter
President

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBD

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

John Anders
Dan Cunningham
John Hamilton
Mike Jacobi
Patty Leffler
Ron McKim
Lori Meadows
Fermin Moreno
Paula Weller

JULY

Nita Bernat
Dennis Campbell
Frances Campbell
Donnie Gladin
Terry Hensley
Rita Horton
Keith Hutton
Bill Kenealy
Amy Leffler
Kala Means
Tim Meyer
Greg Montagano
Susie Peters
Gail Russell
John Shelby
Bill Sligar

AUGUST

Roger Bauer
Barb Beach
Roger Bottorff
Bernie Campbell
Brian Christoff
Tom Coulter
Amanda Eddleman
Alison Ewart
Susie Hammond
Marcia Koetter
Andrea Neichter
Shawn Quast
Mary Ann Reynolds
Mark Rieger
Phil Samuel
Jim Shelton

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MEMBER ARTICLE



PLAYING AROUND WITH AI AND ORIGINAL THOUGHT

Riding a bicycle through the rolling countryside on a spring day can be a truly invigorating experience. The fresh, cool air and the scent of blooming flowers enhance the sense of freedom and connection with nature. Imagine pedaling along a winding path, the gentle undulations of the land providing a rhythm to your journey. The sun is warm but not overbearing, casting a soft light that makes the green of the fields and the blue of the sky seem more vivid.

As you ride, you might pass through patches of woodland, where the light filters through new leaves, creating patterns on the ground. The sounds of birdsong accompany you, a natural soundtrack to the beautiful scenery. You might stop by a stream, the water bubbling over rocks, and take a moment to appreciate the tranquility.

The countryside in spring is alive with activity; colts frolic in the fields, and farmers are busy tending to their crops. Every so often, you might come across a quaint house, their gardens full of spring blooms. It's a chance to rest, enjoy, and then continue on your way.

The rolling hills challenge your muscles, but each summit offers a new vista, a reward for your efforts. And with each descent, there's a thrill, a moment when it feels like you're flying. It's a day of simple pleasures, of physical exertion and mental relaxation, where every turn brings a new delight for the senses.

- ED "GREENSOCKS" GOOTEE

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PHOTO GALLERY



TRASH PICK UP



21 members
42 bags of trash
3 piles large debris
1 large live black snake

Thanks to all who came out!! Great way for the Club to show appreciation for the roads we ride on.



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3 STEEPLES RIDE

The day started off with some crazy heavy fog, but once the fog lifted, we had a fantastic day for a bike ride. No wind and nothing but sunshine. Some riders said the fog made the ride quite majestic and neat.

The added fun-activity SAG this year on the 5.5-mile was a hit. Riders and SAG helpers had a ball. Check out our Facebook page and see all the pictures at <https://www.facebook.com/3steeples>.

We ended up breaking the all-time record of riders this year with 185 registrations (33 SIW members) and 164 who rode. What a fantastic turnout!

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 17, 2025.

Thanks again for your support. See you next year!

Robenette Rosenberger
St. Mary of the Knobs 3 Steeples Bike Ride



Starlight Parishioner, Graham Nett, is making history and breaking records! At 8 years old, Graham is the youngest cyclist to complete the 26-mile route at the 3 Steeples Bike Ride since it began 10 years ago. That's a 1485 ft. climb for the ride! Way to go, Graham!!! Pictured with him are his mother, Amber Nett, and his grandfather, Jim Nett.





3 STEEPLES RIDE

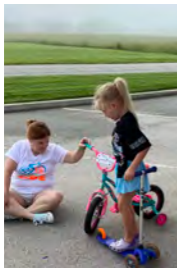




PHOTO GALLERY



EASTER RIDE



A solar eclipse: one spectacular way to start a ride!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11, 6pm
CLUB MEETING
Clarksville Library

JULY 13
CLUB PICNIC

Check ride schedule for rides
prior to picnic.

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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.

Additional information on bicycling in Indiana can be found by contacting

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