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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Included with your newsletter is a membership renewal form. Please fill it out **LEGIBLY**, sign the waiver and mail it with your \$10 dues to Rosemary Frazier by April 1st. Starting in May, all newsletters will be sent by e-mail only unless a member absolutely can't receive it that way. Please note that on your form. As always, we're hoping for 100% renewal. Please be prompt with your renewal. Rosemary and I hope to have our updated membership list completed by May. You don't want to miss out on exciting club news, so print your e-mail address carefully and send your renewal ASAP!

Monday Morning Brunch Ride, 11:00 am: This ride is moderately paced for anyone who wants to take the day off. The ride leaves from the K-Mart north lot on Broadway. It's informal and mileage is flexible, depending on who shows up and how they feel. All are welcome.

Wednesday: Ride begins at 3:00 p.m. from the parking lot of the Madison Park Church of God on Columbus Ave. Ride averages around 15 to 25 miles. Routes are marked on the streets. Several ride levels and speeds available. **Please recognize and welcome new riders!** Various members have volunteered to accompany new or slower riders, so no one is left behind. Please take a turn doing this.

Sunday: The ride will begin at 11:00am. Meet at Falls Park in Pendleton. at the west entrance near the lake. There is no designated ride leader or destination. Come join the group and help make the decisions on where to go.

Club Officers:

Chairman:	Tom Frazier 644-7192 (tlrfrazier@aol.com)
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Club Meeting: March 18th at 6:00 pm. We'll meet at the Anderson Public Library in the Carnegie room on the 3rd floor. All meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Meetings are open to all club members. Please plan to attend. We need your help to make this a great club.

Mill Street Inn Broc Bebout Memorial Rdie: Sunday, March 21st. 1:00pm: Steve Rybolt will be leading this ride from Killbuck Elementary School (corner of 300N & 300E) to Gaston and back. Ride length is approximately 38-40 miles. As always, in memory of Broc, you will be required to eat a lot at the Inn. This is the first day of Spring, so we'll hope Mother Nature realizes that and favors us with some nice weather.

Fall Creek Tour: Sunday, March 28th, 1:00pm: This is a CIBA ride led by Dave Crandall and Steve Rybolt, but we've been invited to join them. It leaves from Fall Creek Park.

CLUB NOTES:

February Meeting: Members present: Tom & Rosemary Frazier, Steve & Mary Kay Rybolt, Rex Upshaw (he was also present last month), Terry Gustin and Paul & Nancy Muething. We had two guests: Nancy Tibbett and Allan Henderson. Rosemary reported a balance of \$345.78. She has paid our insurance fee and incorporation fee.

Nancy Tibbett spoke to us about Bicycle Indiana (formerly IBC). She showed us a possible design for the license plate they would like to sponsor and asked members to sign a petition to ask the state to include this. Nancy also encouraged us to promote membership in Bicycle Indiana. (I'm including a page about the Campaign. To join visit www.bicycleindiana.org. You will receive a calendar with all the rides in Indiana for the year plus info about all the efforts to promote safe biking.)

Our congratulations go to Allan Henderson for his election as a board member for Bicycle Indiana. Allan is the force behind our local bike routes and county help. He announced that he's obtained full funding for the signage for our Madison County routes including the new linking routes, the information kiosks and more Share the Road signs. These funds are from CIBA and Federal transportation grants. **Please let us know if you have suggestions for placement of Share the Road signs.** Allan is hoping to get a lot of this work done by May for Bike to Work Month. The next MCCG meeting to work on the routes is March 4th at 3:00 at the library.

It was decided to leave the Sunday, Monday and Wednesday rides at the same time through March. Times will change in April. Also starting in April we will need people to volunteer to lead the "touring" group and any new riders on Wednesday night. Please help out with this. We should get enough folks so volunteers will only have to do this a couple of times during the season. The routes are marked so it's not a hard job. It's fun to take the time to visit and talk, too.

We would really like to have some new officers. The same members have been passing the offices around for years (like 20!). Please consider at least coming to our monthly meetings and see how relaxed they are and how you can help the club. If anyone is interested in an office, PLEASE let one of the officers know.

Fab Feb Ride: As you know this ride was canceled in Indiana, but it seems Pete Spoo and Dave Jones rode in FL in our honor. Pete said there was no snow, but lots of sand. Just had to rub it in!

Ride Location Change: Please note that the starting location for the Wednesday ride has now changed to the Madison Park Church of God parking lot off Columbus Ave.

Google Group: As a club member you can use our Google Group address to send BIKING messages to other club members. If you just put the address in your address book, you can e-mail the club when you want to lead a ride, cancel a ride you had planned to lead or hear about a ride you think others might be interested in doing. Go to our website to sign in to be able to do this. After doing that the first time, you don't have to do it again. Julie checks all requests so only club members have access to the list. Please use this when ever possible as it's more efficient than trying to get urgent messages to me at the last minute. Thanks!

Our condolences to Mary Kay Rybolt on the loss of her mother on February 10th.

Our congratulations to Troy and Nikki Snow on the birth of their daughter on February 1st.

Welcome new members :Julie and Roger Rinker of Fishers.