



Spoke and Wheel

Bicycle Club

Madison County and Surrounding Areas

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NOTE NEW RIDE TIMES !

Monday Morning Brunch Ride: 9:00 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.

Tuesday: Spring is here and the Tuesday ride is back. This ride leaves at **6:00 pm from Edgewood School (3525 Winding Way, Anderson)**. The marked route is about 27 miles round trip. **THIS IS A FAST PACED RIDE!** You are on your own if you get dropped.

Wednesday: Ride begins at **6:00 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 **9:00am**. 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.

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Club Meeting: May 20th 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.

Muethings' May Meander: Saturday, May 8th, 10:00 am: Time for our annual spring ride around the county. We'll start at Paul & Nancy's house at 1105 Greenway Dr. (going north on Madison Ave., Greenway is the 2nd street on the left after you cross the river and we're the 2nd house on the left.) We have plenty of parking in the back so pull on down the driveway. Our meandering 25 mile route will take us through Perkinsville and Aroma until we reach Maulkey's in Frankton for lunch and ice cream. The return route is shorter, giving us a total of about 38 to 40 miles. We're hoping for a warm, sunny day and lots of riders.

Ride of Silence: Wednesday, May 19th, 7:00 pm: Join cyclists worldwide in a silent, slow-paced ride (max 12mph) in honor of those who have been injured or killed while cycling on public roadways. The ride is also to raise awareness that we are here and ask that we all Share the Road. The local ride starts in Carmel at the Central Christian Church on W. 136th St. In Carmel. For more info see www.rideofsilence.org

Moonlighter Series: Friday, May 28th, 7:00pm: Monthly rides begin at the west entrance to Falls Park in Pendleton on the Friday closest to the full moon. 19 miles of back roads take riders to the Fortville Dairy Queen and back. The pointed tips of the ice cream cones point the way. **LIGHTS ARE REQUIRED!**

Greenfield Breakfast Ride: Saturday, May 29th, 8:00 am: We're giving you an extra half hour of sleep this year so no excuses for not attending this always fun ride. Starting at Falls Park, Steve Seybert will lead us to Greenfield for breakfast and conversation. Total distance is about 40 miles and we'll take an easy pace.

CLUB NOTES:

April Meeting: Members present were Christopher Beasley, Steve Seybert, Tom Frazier, Nancy Muething, Karen & Mike Harra, Rex Upshaw, Kevin Barker and Chuck Baden. Our club balance is \$630.78 with all outstanding bills paid. Weekly rides were discussed with Monday & Sunday time changes noted. We voted to make a \$50 donation to Bicycle Indiana to pay for the bike safety materials they sent us to use for various bike rodeos and club members' use. It was also noted that more Share the Road signs and connector route signs have been made and placement locations are being decided. Mike Harra made a suggestion to have a swap meet for old or extra bike parts at our fall picnic. Everyone agreed that would be fun. It was also noted that we're getting the same people volunteering to lead the slower Wednesday ride. Come on, folks! You can give up one night of fast riding to ride with those going a more leisurely pace. All you have to do is make sure no one gets left behind. We do the same route.

Wednesday Ride Leaders for May:

May 5 Rybolts
12 Harras
19 Upshaw
26 Muethings

Club Jerseys: We've had our yearly request for more jerseys. If you are REALLY interested, please e-mail Nancy (pmuething@aol.com) In the past they ran \$55 to \$60 depending on sleeve length. As always the price will depend on the number ordered and any other increases.

Wendy's Lunch Ride By Steve Seybert

Yes, our club rode our bikes to eat, surprised? After all, we rode hard into the wind for all of about 15 miles before we stopped, exhausted and hungry, and we had to have nourishment.

Twelve riders came out to enjoy the afternoon, Steve & Mary Kay, Paul & Nancy, Richard & Shirley, Steve & Francie, Julie, Dave Jones, Doug, and a new rider Tammy Bennett. This was Tammy's first group ride and she did great. Julie and Tammy are in training for a triathlon next weekend, go girls, so they with Dave rode home a longer route to toughen up those biking skills. Julie told me this is a goal she wanted to accomplish before her ____ birthday, so she will have another accomplishment to add to her bucket list.

After lunch Paul wanted to go to Dairy Queen for ice cream but we didn't. Now is that not in line with our club's tradition? Sorry, Paul. So we returned to our cars via a less windy route. Whew, I was glad the wind didn't shift. As always we had a great time, with great people, and told riding stories maybe 90% true.

See You on the Road

Cub Scout Bike Rodeo

Thanks to members Steve & Mary Kay Rybolt, Dave Jones, Steve Seybert, Doug & Karen Nelson, Tom Frazier and Nancy Muething, the Cub Scout Rodeo was very successful. Before the kids arrived, we all collaborated and mapped out a riding course in the parking lot using orange cones (Steve R. borrowed those from Madison Co.), stop signs and chalk. Of the 20 kids participating, only one showed up without a helmet! Steve S., Steve R., Mary Kay and Dave did bike checks and some minor repairs with one group while Nancy & Karen did a safety talk and helmet adjustments with the others. Then we sent them off to ride the course with Tom & Doug directing them. After passing those three requirements, Doug, Dave and Steve R. led the riders on a 20 minute ride through the adjoining neighborhood. Those brave leaders decided it was like herding cats! Anyway, with our help all the scouts earned their cycling badges and a couple of sisters got in on the fun, too. One five year sister's bike kept falling apart (even after a valiant effort by our repair team). Her mom sped off on a quick shopping trip and came back with a new bike for her by the end of the rodeo. For our work, we were all treated to grilled hot dogs, chips, drinks and Boy Scout popcorn afterwards. We all had fun and were happy to represent the club and encourage some new bikers.

Pizza Party

Riders Dave, Drew & Lucas Elliott, Shirley & Richard DiLorenzo, Rex Upshaw, Dave Jones and Steve & Mary Kay Rybolt worked up an appetite doing the Lenape before the party, with Steve & Francie Seybert doing their own ride from Pendleton. The rest of us - Pam Jones, Nancy Muething, Tom & Rosemary Frazier, Troy, Nikki & Samantha Snow, Julie Ward, Jim Hoffman & Janet, Dan Bertram, Sherry Harris and Dave Crandall just came to eat. As always we had a good time talking and eating. Again, Pizza Hut gave us a good deal and we didn't have to charge members for dinner.

Member Update:

Julie Ward did work up an appetite for the pizza party by completing her first triathlon that morning. Congratulations, Julie, on a job well done!

Greg & Shari Dixon, long time members and good friends, are moving to St. Louis! Their home in Muncie sold very quickly and they will be on their way by the end of the month. We will miss them!

Need Ride Leaders!

Due to the Dixons moving and Marion Potts having other commitments, we need ride leaders for both the Morristown Ride on June 5th and the Chocolate Moose Ride on June 26th. Both previous leaders have offered to pass on directions to anyone interested in taking over these rides. We also don't expect anyone to try to do the sag like Shari did at the end. Just going to Farmland is fun. We sure hope a couple of folks will step up and take over these rides. We hate to lose them on our calendar. Please e-mail me ASAP if you can help. (pmuething@aol.com)

Bike Rodeo

We've been contacted to help with another bike rodeo! Allan Henderson of the Madison County Council of Governments is putting this on at the Little 500 Festival. It will be Saturday, May 15th from 10 am to 2 pm.(depending on weather & number of kids) We will be doing the same things we did with the Cub Scouts - doing bike checks, explaining safety rules and doing a skill course. Allan has gotten some helmets to give to kids without them. If you can volunteer to help with this event, please e-mail me at pmuething@aol.com ASAP so I can let Allan know how many of us to expect. Again, this is a great way to get our club name out in the community and to promote cycling.