



# Spoke and Wheel

Bicycle Club

Madison County and Surrounding Areas

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**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: 6:00 pm June 17th.** We'll meet at the Anderson Public Library in the Carnegie room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. All meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Noblesville Challenge Ride: Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am:** The weather played havoc with the Challenge last year and the whole ride changed! Steve Seybert is going to try it again this year. The ride leaves from Falls Park and goes to Noblesville for breakfast. The challenge is the 16 ½ mile ride over. After meeting at the park, Steve will divide the riders into three groups according to riding speed. The Jammers (12 ½ mph), Hammers (15mph) and Slammers (18mph) will have staggered starts. All groups must stay on the assigned route and keep at their assigned speed. Steve is sure the Jammers can get there first! Who are we to argue with logic?

**Cardinal Greenway Flat 54: Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am:** Kevin Barker and Terry Gustin (with a little help from their friend Steve Seybert) are getting the club together for a day on the Greenway. We'll meet at the Depot in Muncie at 9:00am. The total distance available is 54 miles, but since we're on the Greenway, riders are welcome to turn around anytime they want and not get lost! There will be some eating and slurping along the way. Join us for this new club ride!

**Chocolate Moose Ride: Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00a.m.:** Our good friends Greg & Shari Dixon initiated this fun ride to the Chocolate Moose restaurant in Farmland several years ago. The Dixons are moving to St. Louis, but we just couldn't let it go! Jim Johnson from Muncie has graciously agreed to carry on. We'll meet at 10:00 am at the original south trail head on the Greenway just south of Prairie Creek Reservoir. The total ride length is about forty miles. We won't have the Dixons' yummy SAG near the end, but it should be a great day. Jim will answer any questions at 741-9968.

**Moonlighter Series: Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm:** 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!**

**Independence Day Ride: Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 am:** Rise and Shine! We'll get an early start to beat the heat and get everyone home in time for the fireworks. Leaving from the Muethings' (1105 Greenway Dr.) we'll head to Richards in Elwood for breakfast. Having worked that off on our 38 -40 miles round trip, we'll snack on cookies, tea and lemonade back at Paul & Nancy's. Come help us celebrate our great country!

#### **CLUB NOTES:**

**May Meeting: Members present:** Donna Davidson, Tom Frazier, Steve & Mary Kay Rybolt, Rex Upshaw, Paul & Nancy Muething, Steve Seybert and Kevin Barker. We have a balance of \$571,35 in our account. Weekly rides and special rides were discussed and planned. Tom reported we have a total of 93 members at this time.

#### **Wednesday Ride Leaders for June:**

June 2 Rybolts  
9 Fraziers  
16 Kevin Barker  
23 Rex Upshaw  
30 Muethings

**Club Jerseys:** An order form for jerseys is included with the newsletter. **The order along with payment is due to Rosemary by June 1<sup>st</sup>!** If we don't have the minimum number (12) we will return your money.

**Madison County Bike Rodeo:** Members Mary Kay & Steve Rybolt and Paul & Nancy Muething manned the course for Allen Henderson at the Anderson Town Center. Although participation in the actual rodeo was meager, many kids had fun making their snow cones. The blender worked by pedal power and was a big hit.

#### **Buggy Ride By Dave Elliott**

On Saturday, May 15, 2010, I, my daughter Kali, and my sons Drew and Lucas participated in the Buggy Ride, A Tour of Amish Country in Hardin County, Ohio. The event was sponsored by Hardin Leadership II, and the ride started and ended at McCullough Industries in Kenton, Ohio. The flyer promised, "A low traffic countryside ride that is great fun for the entire family." Well, I can say that the ride was as promised and MUCH more. The ride options offered were 60 miles, 30 miles, 15 miles, and 6 miles. We chose the 30 mile ride.

We began our journey to Ohio by leaving at 5:15 a.m. from Wilkinson. Over 3 hours later, we arrived at our destination. After a very swift and friendly check-in, everyone needed a restroom break after the long trip. We followed the restroom signs to a warehouse restroom that was converted to a unisex restroom for the riders. Of course, the line was lengthy, which caused us to be a little past the 8:30 a.m. ride start time.

Finally, we mounted our bicycles to enjoy 30 miles of Amish country. Once we got about a mile into the ride, we quickly realized that we were seeing very few, if any cars, and nearly zero potholes. We found that these narrow, country roads were very smooth and well maintained. The only thing we had to dodge on the roads was the horse droppings accumulated as a result of the many Amish buggies in the area. We were all amused when Kali started

yelling, “Buggy up!”

The first 20 miles of the journey was like taking a trip back in time. We passed farm after farm of Amish plowing their fields with horse-drawn plows, mowing with old-fashioned (non-motorized, non-gasoline powered) push mowers, and maintaining all different types of farm animals. In front of many farm houses were signs offering for sale such items as brown eggs, homemade soap, rugs, furniture, and Ohio maple syrup. Drew asked me if what he was seeing was indeed real. He thought for a moment that this was some big museum much larger than Conner Prairie. I said, “No, Drew. This is all real.”

The first SAG was around the 10-mile mark, where we stopped and enjoyed bananas, strawberries, granola bars, and plenty of water and juice to get us refueled. We continued the ride to more encounters with the Amish. One memorable moment is when we encountered a young Amish boy who was sitting on a pony inside of a fence. As we rode past him, he looked at us, smiled, waved, and said, “Hello bicyclists,” then proceeded to gallop his pony to race us as we rode past. He was laughing out loud in amusement as he rode alongside of us for the length of his property. For some reason, at that moment, the Lone Ranger theme song played in my head.

As we passed one farm, we noticed 2 Amish boys walking across the field barefoot. One took off running toward the house. As we rode, I checked my bike computer to see that we were riding around 15 miles per hour. Yet the Amish boy, in his bare feet, was running faster than our bikes. After seeing that, I decided that I’ll never complain about my bike shoes being too tight ever again.

The second SAG was around the 23-mile mark. This one was located in a public park, complete with restroom facilities and lots of awesome food, such as Amish bread, peanut butter, granola bars, and various types of fruit to choose from. Lucas, after about 2 miles of, “Dad, how many more miles?”, found another burst of energy when he saw children on the playground equipment and decided to join them.

On the final leg of our ride, we decided to stop at an Amish farm and buy some brown eggs to take home to my wife, Terri. After the Amish gentleman got over the initial shock of seeing some strangely dressed people walking on his property, he was very glad to sell us his very nice, very large, and very fresh brown eggs for \$1.00 a dozen. One dozen was all that Kali’s bike bag could hold.

We made it back to the start around 12:30 p.m., where many nice ladies served us homemade chicken & noodles, cookies, and all the fresh fruits and vegetables that we could eat. Lucas focused on some homemade brownies. After eating two, Lucas charmed one of the ladies into giving him and Drew some more for the road.

The Elliotts all agree that the Buggy Ride was one, awesome ride. The weather was a perfect upper 60s to low 70’s and sunny with a light wind. It was one of the most picturesque, entertaining, and educational rides that we’ve ever been on. The routes were clearly marked and it was nice to ride three abreast for most of the ride without the worry of encountering cars.

On a scale of 1 through 5, I would give this ride a 4 ½. The only thing I would change is the restroom situation, but it was a very mild blip in an otherwise perfect day and a perfect ride. We will definitely mark this one on our calendar for next year!

**Donna Davidson** suggested the June 5<sup>th</sup> Circus City Metric Century ride in Peru is fun. For info contact [www.circuscitycyclists.org](http://www.circuscitycyclists.org)

**Correction:** I made two mistakes on the Pizza Party report last month! First, Pete Spoo led the Lanape ride before we ate (He didn’t stay for the pizza.) Second, our youngest guest was Savannah Snow (not Samantha.) Sorry about those errors!