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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: 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.

Tuesday: 6:00 pm. Madison Park Church of God is again sponsoring a slower paced ride led by Pete Spoo. All are welcome. The ride leaves from the church parking lot (Columbus and Providence Dr.)

Wednesday: Ride begins at **6:00 p.m. from the SE corner of the old K-Mart parking lot (Southdale Plaza) at 53rd St and 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: September 17th at 7:00pm 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!**

Moonlighter Series: Friday, September 4th, 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!!**

Cicero Lunch Ride: Sunday, September 6th, 1:00 pm: Leaving from Muethings' (1105 Greenway Dr.) , we'll take the back roads to Cicero. We'll have a late lunch at the Jackson Street Café before the return trip. The total distance is about 48 miles with a ride speed of 12-15 mph. Come join us for a fun fall afternoon.

LePeep Brunch Ride: Saturday, September 12th, 8:30 am: This always popular ride led by Steve Seybert will start from Falls Park in Pendleton. We'll go through Lapel, Noblesville, Fishers and Castleton before arriving at LePeep's. There we will enjoy great brunch fare and share stories and tall tales of biking. On the return trip we don't

go through any towns! We'll skirt the edges of Geist, Deer Creek and Lapel on our way back to Falls Park. The total distance will be about 50 miles with a 12-15 mph speed.

Hope Ride: Saturday, September 19th: This is not a club ride, but many of our members make this an annual affair. To register: www.hoperide.org

Little Miami Trail Ride: Saturday, September 26th: This annual fall ride led by Steve & Mary Kay Rybolt is in Ohio. Riders can meet at the old K-Mart (53rd St.) at 7:00 am to carpool or caravan, or meet at the Corwin, OH trailhead at 9:00 am. (Can you guess it's a 2 hour drive?) The ride from Corwin to Loveland for lunch and back is about 54 miles. All paved trails. Directions to the trailhead: I-70E to I-75S to SR73E to Corwin. Look for the trail on the left immediately after crossing the Little Miami River. There are motels and campgrounds in the area if you want to go the night before or stay afterwards. Always a fun ride.

CLUB NOTES:

August Meeting: Members present were Rosemary Frazier, Steve & Mary Kay Rybolt, Rex Upshaw, Steve Seybert, Dick Fetty, Donna Davidson and Paul & Nancy Muething. Rosemary reported a balance of \$964.51. Reports were given on past rides and the September ride schedule was set. Rosemary received the 20 jerseys we ordered and has distributed most of them. Steve Rybolt gave a report on the results of the Great Greenway Tour. Partly due to bad weather and low attendance and partly due to over expenditures, we made NO money on the Tour this year. Fortunately the sponsor donations obtained by the Greenway covered the losses incurred. A new planning committee is being formed for next year in hopes of better managing expenses and expectations. Steve mentioned that his committee for SAGS worked well as he always gets such a great response from Spoke & Wheel members to work and bake. Any other members who would like to be on a planning committee are MOST welcome. This being said, we will have to watch our club expenses until next year's tour. We still want to be able to make a sizable donation to the Bikes for Kids program. In order to save money for that, Nancy made a motion that each attendee chip in \$5 toward the pizza at our November party (children under 18 will be free). Steve Rybolt seconded the motion. Motion carried. In another cost saving measure, Steve Seybert made a motion that at the start of the new membership year in May 2010 the newsletter will only be mailed to those members without e-mail capability. Members can print their own if they want a hard copy. The newsletter will also be available on the web site each month. Steve Rybolt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wednesday Ride Leaders: Scenic Route

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Amishland & Lakes Ride by Nancy Muething

As it was already raining when we were ready to take our usual Friday night ride to DJ's for the "all you can eat" fish dinner, we opted to drive. Alas! DJ's now has a new name and isn't open for dinner! So, we all caravanned to Topeka to Tiffany's. Good food there, too. We all turned in early as it's no fun to sit outside the tents in the rain. Saturday morning's weather wasn't much better, but since we were there we decided to ride anyway. Do you know what it's like to ride a bike in Amish country in the rain? Yuck! We had horse 'stuff' all over our bikes and us! One particularly steep downhill had already claimed a couple of riders, so Susie Hughey, Rex Phillips and I got off and walked down. Although our group had originally planned to do the 62 mile route, we quickly changed to Plan B. We ended up with between 30 and 50 miles. That meant that several of us missed the homemade donuts and pretzels, but we managed to get the fried pies. Back at Howe, we hosed off our bikes and ourselves. Julie will have to remember not to hang her laundry on various vehicles to dry. Rex Phillips thought he'd wiped out a biker when her skirt blew off as he went for coffee. We then headed into Shiphshewana to browse the stores before dinner at the Blue Gate. We even ran into Pete and Sharon Spoo celebrating their anniversary in town. Susie and I got to spend time in the fabric store (Paul pointed out the "boat load" of fat quarters) while Paul and Julie looked at the sporting goods store.

We had quite a group at dinner and we managed to eat a lot despite not having the excuse of riding enough to work up an appetite. Afterwards we all went to Dave & Pam Jones' campsite for one of Dave's excellent fires.

Sunday dawned hot and steamy. The fields of gladiolas were beautiful and we didn't have to worry about stuff on the road. We got in about 47 miles of humidity and hills on that route. Everyone hurried back to fold up their various campsites and head for home.

Riders included Greg & Shari Dixon (their daughter and friend joined us for dinner on Saturday), Paul & Nancy Muething, Rex Upshaw, Dave & Pam Jones, Julie Ward, Susie Hughey, Jimmie & Lynn Dallas, Debbie & Kevin Harry, Wray Jean Cornwell, Pam Weeks, Denise Miller, Donna & Glen Davidson and Rex Phillips.

Fairmount Brunch Ride by Nancy Muething

Seventeen riders gathered to take in the sights of Madison County, including the World's Largest Ball of Paint. Mike Carmichael and his wife were waiting for us to add coat number 22,062 to the ball. We chose yellow paint in case we got any on our jerseys. Most of us were fairly neat, although Rosemary almost painted my hair. Mike and Chuck Baden stayed with us a little longer before returning for a family party. The rest of the group meandered onward to the Fairmount Subway for brunch. After good subs and conversation, we turned into the wind for our ride home. Arriving back at our house we had ice cream bars to cool off while the mister blew on us. Jimmie gave Rex a challenge on how many ice cream sandwiches he ate.

Riders included Chuck & Mike Baden, Susie Hughey, Tom & Rosemary Frazier, Jimmie & Lynn Dallas, Terry Gustin, Rex Upshaw, Pete Spoo, Mike Flowers, Donna Davidson, Roger Beeson, Pau & Nancy Muething and new Indy friends from Amishland Don & Kathy.

TROT 2009 (Turkey Run Overland Tour) by Nancy Muething

This is the third time Paul has led this ride and it gets better and better. Dave (with all our camping gear) and Jimmie took their RV's to Turkey Run on Friday and left Pam (and Sally & Sheba) in charge. It was drizzling off and on Saturday morning when we gathered to take off. By "we" I mean Dave Jones, Jimmie & Lynn Dallas, Tom & Rosemary Frazier, Julie Ward, Doug Nelson, Rex Upshaw, Steve & Francie Seybert and Paul & Nancy Muething. Starting out without rain jackets, we decided 2 miles out we needed them, so we stopped. At which point Lynn took advantage of the break to file a chipped nail. A few miles later the rain stopped so we took the jackets off! We finally made it to Cicero for lunch. Doug now suggests no one order the split pea soup. Not too tasty. As we left the Jackson Street Café, the heavens opened and we really got wet even with the jackets on. Oh well, it eventually stopped. We didn't mind that the dirty gas station at Waugh was closed as the corn was high and convenient. It was a little muddy after the rain. The roads were good and there are always lots of neat houses, flowers and horses to see along the way. Rex stayed with us until outside Lebanon then turned back to Anderson. We easily found the Super 8 and Pam was there waiting to take Dave and Julie to the campground. The rest of us checked in. Unfortunately, Jimmie & Lynn's reservation for the king size bed had been changed to queen size. He was sure Doug got his room with the "waiting room" and sauna. Steve was dismayed to find he'd been carrying a hair dryer in his backpack all day for nothing! There was one in the room! We met again at 7:00 for dinner at Flap Jack's. Lots of good food. Rosemary & Lynn stopped at Subway to get cookies for later. We gathered in the motel breakfast room to play Skip-Bo. Jimmie opted to sit alone and listen to news on his i-pod. The game got so heated and loud the motel owner had to come and close the door. Meanwhile Jimmie was calmly eating cookies - Rosemary's! At one point Paul wasn't allowed a "redo" and we think he remembered that the next morning. We definitely kept Steve up past his usual bedtime.

After breakfast on Sunday we called Dave & Julie to say we were ready to leave so they could meet us in Ladoga for lunch. Now was Paul's chance to get even. Since this was a different motel than we'd stayed in before, we had to find a new way back on the route. We felt like "Groundhog Day". We couldn't find a way out of the industrial park! After circling for 5 miles, we just went out on US32 and went to the old motel and left from there. The weather was cool and cloudy, but nice for riding. Ladoga is a nice town with some interesting old homes and pretty gardens. Dave & Julie were waiting for us at the Deli and we all had some great sandwiches. Back on the route, we passed a Civil War cemetery with Confederate graves. We took a last break in Waveland before tackling the hills into Turkey Run. Arriving about 5:00, we had a great welcoming committee in Pam and Karen Nelson & grandson Simon. Steve and Francie rode on to the lodge while the rest of us set up tents and nibbled on GORP courtesy of Francie. Doug even kept his cool while telling Karen to put the camera down and HELP! About 7:00, Pam started putting out a feast for the hungry riders. She fixed hamburgers & hotdogs, pasta salad, broccoli salad, salsa and chips. Everything was sooo yummy! We even had room for desserts - cake by Julie, peach pie by Rosemary and cookies by Nancy.

We know how to plan! Following dinner, Dave built a nice fire and impressed us all with his “magic” fire of various colors. Simon really didn’t want to go to bed and miss any of the fun.

On Monday morning we breakfasted on coffee, tea, juice, bananas and Karen’s cinnamon rolls. Steve & Francie opted to ride to a couple of covered bridges while the rest of us hiked the trails. We probably all put in 8 - 12 miles of activity before returning for lunch. Pam brought out the leftover salads along with lots of lunchmeats and cheese. Lynn brought another game down and those who stay awake played that. Later, Jimmie & Lynn fixed a delicious dinner of spaghetti and two kinds of sauce, salad and bread. Of course, we then headed back to Pam & Dave’s for another magic fire.

Tuesday morning we tried to dry some of the dew off our tents before packing up to head home. The Nelsons packed up to go to Chicago to take Simon to meet his parents as they changed planes on a return trip from Ethiopia with their new adopted daughter. The Dallas’ were staying at Turkey Run so Jimmie woke up just in time to tell us goodby as we left the park. Pam gave us all hugs and sent us on our way. The air was cool as we rode the hills to Ladoga for lunch. This time we ate at Lora’s Café. By now the sun was shining brightly and it was a hot ride to Lebanon. At least the dogs were friendly and horses beautiful along the way. We took a break at the Flying J then split up. Dave, Julie, Tom and Rosemary continued on to Anderson to get in a little more than a century for the day. The Seyberts and Muethings headed to the Super 8 for another night. The owner wondered what happened to rest of the group. We were talking after dinner at Taco Bell when we got a call from Julie that she and Dave had made it back. About 20 minutes later Rosemary called to say they were home, too. Now that all our chicks had checked in, we headed back to the breakfast room for Skip-Bo. The game was a little more subdued this time except for Paul’s victory dance. Steve was tempted to let him win the second game just to see him dance again!

The next morning after fueling up on waffles, the Seyberts and Muethings set off. Cool temperatures and a tailwind pushed us on our way. We got to Cicero about 10:20 am and waited for the DQ to open. After a quick meal, Steve pumped up his slowly leaking tire and we were on the road again. Before we got to Strawtown we heard a pop and thought for sure it was his tire. But it still had plenty of air. About 10 miles later he was almost flat, so we stopped under a big shade tree for a tire change. Five miles later he needed the pump again! Anyway, we made it home. Dave had driven back to T.R the night before and was already home with his trailer and all our stuff so we drove over to pick that up.

We all had varying mileage, but mainly around 220 miles total. It was definitely an excellent trip with a super route. Thanks to all for helping with logistics and to Paul for all his planning.

Congratulations to Christopher Beasley and Kent South on the birth of their son, Jacob Christopher on August 18th. Another Spoke & Wheel member!