



EBC Bikewriter

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The Evansville Bicycle Club Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SADDLE

I would like to thank all that have helped in club activities this past year. I also want to thank those that served as club officers, without your assistance the club could not continue.

Briefly, all officers from 2003, with the exception of the Tour Director, were elected or agreed to serve through 2004. The election was held during the Awards Banquet. About 80 individuals attended the banquet this year. Rusty, still unable to divorce himself from the saddle, delivered the awards while seated on his Litespeed. Craig Watson was the winner of the TREK Trip. I would like to thank Scott Gilles of Gilles Cycling for offering this and Darlene Wefel, who kept track of the qualification for chances. Individual awards, total miles and total centuries went to Rusty Yeager, most miles for a female rider to Julie Simmons, best hosted ride, Pumpkin Pie Ride, to Mark and Debbie Oliver, rookie of the year to Debbie Oliver, and volunteer of the year, a complete surprise, went to me, your president. The food was good and the company even better. I look forward to next year.

I was looking at the plaques on the wall and realized that Vic and I rode over 10,000 club/non club miles last year. It was about this time of the year 3 years ago when I approached Vic about maybe getting a tandem. However, she finally told me that she would rather I just get her a road bike. I might add that she did not say this with a lot of enthusiasm. We did get the bike and after a rocky start, she started riding regular club rides. She eventually found new friends to ride with. Last year, she rode over 4000 miles and did 10 centuries. We all measure our progress in different ways. Vic's was the excitement of being able to stand and peddle up a hill. I don't know what her goal is this year, but I do know she has been over at AAA riding against the nasty head winds and in the cold on Saturdays.

Dave Ashworth

EBC Banquet January 2004
by Darlene Wefel

The Executive Inn was an excellent location for this year's annual banquet. The Crystal Room had a stage area that worked out nicely for the Power Point presentation that Rusty and Mark Oliver presented to the 76 members and guests in attendance.

The club presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year: Dave Ashworth - President, Mark Oliver - Vice President, Bob Willett - Treasurer, and Bob Messick - Secretary. The club voted and accepted the slate of officers. The following positions were filled: Tour Director - Julie Simmons, Membership - Jim Niethammer, Statistician - Rusty Yeager, Editor of the News Letter - Faye Carter, Webmaster - Bob Wefel, and GPM Coordinator - Darlene Wefel.

All members in attendance voted for the following award winners: Rookie of the Year - Debbie Oliver, Ride Host of the Year was a tie between Debbie & Mark Oliver's Pumpkin Pie Ride, and Bob Willett's Roast de'Corn Ride, and Volunteer of the Year Dave Ashworth.

This year members earned tickets for a chance on a fabulous Trek Tour, donated by Gilles Cycling and Fitness. Members earned tickets for each 500 club miles ridden, attending club meetings, volunteering for projects that promoted cycling, and writing articles for the news letter. A total of 466 (four hundred sixty-six) tickets were earned and placed into a large container. Scott Gilles pulled the lucky ticket out and Craig Watson was the owner of the ticket. Craig will have a hard time choosing which tour he would like to do.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER
SUE HULL

Habitat for Humanity's Cover Indiana Bicycle Tour

Sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Indiana
Sunday, April 25, 2004 - Saturday, May 1, 2004

What is the Cover Indiana Bicycle Tour?

The Cover Indiana Bicycle Tour is a weeklong bicycle tour that spans the State of Indiana. Participants in this first annual event will raise financial support that directly benefits Habitat for Humanity's partner families in Indiana.

The goals of this bicycle tour include increasing publicity of Habitat for Humanity at both the state and local level, raising money to support the state's 71 affiliates of Habitat for Humanity, and promoting awareness of how people can partner with Habitat to address the need for affordable housing in Indiana.

What will the money raised through this event do?

All proceeds from the Cover Indiana bicycle tour will directly benefit the 71 local affiliates of Habitat for Humanity in Indiana. Habitat for Humanity of Indiana is a state support organization that seeks to connect the people, ideas and resources of all Indiana affiliates in order to further the Habitat vision in Indiana.

Where does the tour go?

In order to involve as much of the state as possible, the Cover Indiana Tour will feature multiple routes that will ultimately converge in Indianapolis. Two routes will begin in the northern half of the state (one in South Bend and one in Ft. Wayne) and follow the Wabash River until they reach Terre Haute. A third route will begin in the southwest part of the state in Evansville, also following the Wabash north until meeting the other groups at Terre Haute. From there, the combined groups will ride east towards Indianapolis, where they will be greeted by the Indiana Habitat family at White River State Park at the *Habitat for Humanity Celebration*.

Who will be riding in Cover Indiana?

Anyone who wishes to support Habitat for Humanity through this event is welcome to register for the ride. Registration is \$200, and includes maps, meals, lodging, evening programming and rider support services (sag vehicles, mechanics, etc.). Participants are also required to raise financial support in the amount of \$320 (\$1 for each mile) for the weeklong tour, and the ride will be limited to the first 125 people who register. Each rider will have the opportunity to designate a local affiliate of their choice to receive 100% of their funds.

What is Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

Information for involvement:

To find out more, please see the link to our website at www.habitatindiana.org. If you have questions, please call Andrew Kossack at 317-921-2121, ext. 109, or Doug Taylor at 765-449-8900.



December Ride by Dave Ashworth

Picture in your mind a Sunday afternoon in mid December, it is cloudy with the temperature slightly below freezing. The day before during the club century, it had begun to snow and only one (fool) hardy individual finished the ride. During the morning, the roads had been snow covered and very treacherous. However by afternoon, they were just wet. After viewing the conditions around the West Side of Evansville, I decided that I had nothing better to do than ride the afternoons ride at Olmstead.

I loaded the old bike because I knew that it would be wet and headed east. On my way north on Burkhardt, I crossed a bridge that was snow covered and realized that not all of the roads would be clear. I had convinced myself to ride the short route, since no one else was there. Fat chance, a white pickup turned the corner just as I got my stuff together and Rusty arrived. Of course if miles were to be had, we had to do them, so it was to be the 33 loop. Just as we were leaving, Diana Holland arrived, so we waited. The total riders for that afternoon ride would be three.

I didn't realize how wet the roads were until we started riding. Things seemed to go well until the Pigeon Creek Bridge; the bridge was ice from one end to the other. This turned out to be representative of every bridge that we crossed. Going up Asbury hill, Diana pointed out how much ice Rusty had on the rear of his bike. I noticed that it was also starting to build up on my bike, but Diana did not seem to have as much ice. Climbing Little Ditney the road became slushy with the only open areas in the lanes of travel, unfortunately the lane that Rusty picked ended up running out causing some problems with oncoming traffic. He was able to get back in the proper lane without dumping the bike. Going down Ditney was another issue, through inattention I managed to get in some slush and the back end of the bike kicked sideways. It evidently was not my time because I was able to get it back under control and continue. Ice was starting to cause other problems. Rusty said his rear brake was dragging and he couldn't shift properly. I discovered I had about 4 out of 9 gears available and none fast enough to keep up.

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Somewhere around Elberfeld, Rusty was down to looking for things to beat on his bike with to try to break the ice loose. Starting south there was not a lot of talking, since it was now a trial to get through. Once we reached Boonville-New Harmony Road, Diana began to gradually pull away. As much as I tried, I simply could not close on her. Rusty hung back and proceeded to pull me the rest of way back. It was like trying to ride in mud, no matter how hard I tried I could not get a spin going.

Diana was leaving as we rolled up, and it wasn't until later that we found out that she was having trouble with her feet being too cold. As I started to roll my bike to the truck, I realized that it would hardly roll. That's when both Rusty and I found that due to the ice our rear brakes were dragging. We had done over half of the ride with the brakes on. I have heard of this happening and the rider being strong enough to overcome this obstacle, but I can now guarantee I wasn't one of them.



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The Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.

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City _____ State _____
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