



# EBC Bikewriter

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The Evansville Bicycle Club Newsletter

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SADDLE

I just finished reading my notes to the newsletter from last February. I spoke of the weather and the Rusty's mission for the year. The weather was a major topic of conversation, since we were hoping for better weather in March. The weather this year has been better, colder but not as wet. For the last 2 years, March has been the worst month for club riding. Hopefully this year will be better.

We had an incident last week with a passing vehicle and pellet or bb gun. This is very serious activity and should not be taken lightly. For the most part passing traffic is courteous and careful of our presence. There are, however, a small group of individuals who have no concept of the seriousness of their actions. This group looks for fun in all the wrong places. Whenever possible, license numbers and accurate vehicle descriptions need to be passed onto the law enforcement officials. What we need to remember is that we are not the only ones, but all that engage in outdoor activity become targets for these individuals. This type of activity is not something recent, as a youth delivering newspapers early one Sunday morning I had a car intentionally try to run me down. This was done solely for this person's misguided version of fun. What we can do is be observant of what is around us and carry phones for communications.

Dave Ashworth, President

## WEB BLOG

I have many requests for something like this from people that I ride with, race with, I know on some level, and the few friends I have (all together that makes 3 people), so I piggybacked on my wife's blog and set one for myself. I make comments on my own stupidity and if you do something really interesting you will find yourself in here (a.k.a. some of your own stupidity). Well enjoy and the look will change when I get a chance to work on it.

<http://www.cyclingwidow.us/iwishiwasapro/> for those whose e-mail does not include links it is [www cyclingwidow.us/iwishiwasapro/](http://www.cyclingwidow.us/iwishiwasapro/)

Matt

**Club Member Shot While Riding—Riders Beware and Cautious**  
**BY Darlene Wefel**

Saturday February 14, Cinda Alexander, Rusty Yeager, and I were riding a century. We joined the club for the morning ride that went out to the Blue Grass Recreation area. On our way back from the club ride, we were headed north on Stevenson Station Road near the recreation area, and while climbing the hill going up to Heim Road, I saw a vehicle approaching from the rear. Cinda was in back of me, and Rusty was in front. I said "car back," and right as the vehicle was passing us, we heard a loud pop. Cinda yelled, "**I'VE BEEN SHOT!**" We stopped and sure enough someone in the vehicle had shot her with what we think was a pellet gun. The pellet (or possible BB) penetrated through her jacket, a fleece vest, jersey, and another layer. She was very lucky that due to the cold weather she had on five layers of clothing. If this had been in the summer, it would have penetrated the skin. This could have been much worse if the pellet had hit another area like the neck, face, head, or leg.

The vehicle was probably an early 90s model Burgundy Ford Bronco or Blazer. Warrick County Sheriff's Department. took a description of the vehicle. Cinda and I think that the people who utilize the Blue Grass Recreation area need to be made aware that being alone in this area could possibly be dangerous. This could have been an isolated incident, or these kids (we think) could be delinquents. Either way, this could be serious. If someone was riding fast and lost control of their bike, it could be a fatal accident. Also, people walk and run in this area.

Bicycle riders have enough to contend with such as traffic, dogs, and road conditions. They don't need to worry about someone shooting them.

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Kurt Mabis

Eric Lovins

### Excerpt from Matt's Web Blog

February 22, 2004

#### Tough Day

Well Friday turned out to suck as it was raining outside, and my Fluid trainer locked up so I am down to just the rollers until I can get a new one. Saturday, the Team had a training ride in the hills. Neo, Mr. O, Nature Boy, Burley, Young Blood, Young School and yours truly, bike dork, took up the road and tired to kill ours selves on the climbs, but in reality, we just spent the time chasing Nature Boy up the hills. Today, I rode early by myself, probably a good thing as my legs felt like rubber cement after the 4 hours yesterday and the 3 1/2 today. I sure am looking forward to the rest cycle :)

--Matt

Editor's note:

Don't you feel sorry for someone that wears out a trainer? From the amount of dust on mine you'd think it was about a hundred years old, and it's still just like new.

"The century. A cheap analogy for life. Little pains happen. You adjust. A lot of it is dull stuff indeed, but you make the effort. Man and machine become one organism, stroking away, correcting, favoring, compensating, and trying to enjoy the little moments of magic that come along. At the end of it, you get off the bike, or fall off, or are pushed off, and that is it." —John D. McDonald, *Condominium*

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