



EBC Bikewriter July 2004

The Evansville Bicycle Club Newsletter

JESSE GETS THE WIN



Jesse Neithammer Wins Cat 3 At Martinsburg Road Race
by John Bennett

Part of the DaVinci race series, the road race was held on Sunday, May 16. The weather, unlike Saturday, was dry and sunny. The location, Martinsburg, was approximately 10 miles NW of New Albany, IN. The course was flat to hilly with one rather long demanding hill about midway around the seven mile loop. The finish, as can be seen from the photo, was uphill. Prior to the final lap of the race, it was fairly certain that Jesse would be at least second, and could possibly have a significant chance at winning. Anything can happen in a race, and that's exactly the way it went down. In the last lap, the rider that had pulled from the break apparently expended too much energy doing so and was caught. This put Jesse in a good position to win the race, which he did. This win on Sunday was preceded by a fifth place in the Crit that was held Saturday in downtown New Albany.

Hello Dave,

I am so sorry to delay this email to you...

Please Thank Everyone in your group on behalf of myself and our board of directors for their contribution to Gibson County Habitat for Humanity!

We will use it directly on the house being built right now in Fort Branch. You are all welcome to come visit anytime at 106 E. Oak St. We are currently finishing the dry-wall!

I am working on having the photos framed for your group.

Thank-You so much!

Sincerely,

Connie Spence

Thank You!

Happy Campers - The great Pajama Party caper
By Linda Clemmer

As some of you know, Hope, Opal, Vicky, Janet, and Linda are joining the CanAm Wheelers' Light House Tour in Nova Scotia July 15 th. Some members of the group are seasoned campers, others' idea of roughing it is when their hotel's ice machine is out of order. We all decided to pitch our tents at Janet's and see if we could ride a bike after spending the night on the ground in a sleeping bag.

We enjoyed a delicious dinner of homemade vegetable lasagna, salad, wine, and candy bar pie. Hey, we're the out-of-doors type - we ate the pie on the deck overlooking tent city. Janet's husband, Bill, confessed he was planning to set up a remote controlled recording of animal sounds that he planned to activate from the deck around midnight. Bill realized he was out numbered 5 to 1, but we all had a good laugh just thinking about it.

After one night, we are a lean, mean, camping machine. Our gear is organized. We know what we are taking and how we are packing it. Even Bill is impressed and pleased that we did it all ourselves, and he didn't have to set up all the tents. WE ARE READY.

Angry Buzzard Terrorizes English Country Road

LONDON (Reuters) - An angry buzzard is terrorizing a quiet English country road by dive-bombing passing cyclists, newspapers reported on Friday.

Paul Taylor, 71, said the bird of prey used its beak and claws to rip a three-inch gash in his head as he cycled along the stretch of road near Holsworthy, in Devon, western England.

"I thought at first it was a lorry passing and the wing mirror had somehow caught my head," he told the Daily Mail.

"Then I saw the buzzard swooping in front of me and suddenly there was blood pouring down my head and face."

Last weekend 22 cyclists taking part in a long distance competition along the road -- the A3072 -- suffered head injuries or had gouges taken out of their helmets by the same bird, according to the race coordinator.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds suggested the bird was probably nesting nearby and was defending its chicks.

"We would suggest that people avoid the road for a few weeks, but if cyclists do want to use it we would advise them to paint a pair of eyes on their helmets," a spokeswoman told the Daily Express. "That will put the buzzard off."

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Submitted by Bob Wefel

July Circuit Rides at Scott School

July 1st PM and July 2nd AM —Yellow Marks, 3 mile loop

July 8th Club Meeting — No Circuit Ride

July 15th PM and July 16th AM — Orange Marks, 5 mile loop

July 22nd PM and July 23rd AM — Green Marks, 6.5 mile loop

July 29th PM and July 30th AM — Yellow Marks, 3 mile loop

UPCOMING CYCLING RACES

June 30 - July 4 Tour of the Wabash Stage Race

(one of the stages will be in New Harmony)

July 4 Evansville Independence Criterium

**Indiana BikeFest 2004 - National Rally of Bicyclists
Jasper, IN September 3-6, 2004**

Join the Indiana Bicycle Coalition and League of American Bicyclists members at Indiana BikeFest 2004 - National Rally of Bicyclists - **“End of Summer Bicycle Bash!”**

More than a bike ride - it's a Festival!

The Indiana BikeFest offers a great variety of options for bicyclists with road tours, mountain biking, casual cruises and off-the bike activities like train rides, ice cream social, bicycle movies, and other activities for kids of all ages!

To download a registration form or to register online, visit www.bicycleindiana.org.

NOTE: Volunteers are needed for this event - contact Indiana Bicycle Coalition for more details.

Indiana BikeFest Benefits Bicycling

All proceeds from the Indiana BikeFest 2004 - National Rally of Bicyclists will be used to support Indiana Bicycle Coalition's efforts to make Indiana a better place for bicyclists. For more information about Indiana Bicycle Coalition and to request an Indiana BikeFest 2004 brochure, contact: Indiana Bicycle Coalition, Inc., P.O. Box 20243, Indianapolis, IN 46220; 317-466-9701 or 800-245-3110, info@bicycleindiana.org.



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**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

Rod and Brenda Tompkins

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Jerry Lutz 853-0951



RIVER RENDEZVOUS June 5-6, 2004
by Bob Messick

If you're curious about the location of the River Rendezvous tour, get out an Ohio map and look for Zanesville in the southeast corner. The ride starts at Duncan Falls 9 miles southeast on SR60. I joined up with the Stark county group which numbered 21 riders out of the total 340 who participated.

This was my fourth time for the two-day tour sponsored by the Marietta Rowing and Cycling club, who do a great job of organizing the event. We chose between air conditioned dorms at Marietta College and local motels. I elected for the dorms for their convenience to activities on Saturday night including a spaghetti dinner.

The route Saturday follows rolling-to-hilly back roads that wind along the west side of the Muskingum River for about 70 miles. The return on Sunday uses much of SR60 on the east side of the river, and is a bit more hilly, but very scenic at the high points. Rest stops are arranged at the locks of a canal that ran through the area in the late 1800's.

Marietta was established in 1877, and is the earliest known community of the Northwest territory which explains the many restored homes from that period. A city tour is available, but our group opted to walk over an abandoned railroad bridge to the historic Harmer tavern noted for it's Fried Bologna sandwiches and selection of beer on tap. We weren't disappointed in either and managed to leave room for the pasta dinner which included a wide selection of homemade desserts. A tour also included a pass for a ride on the Lorena paddle boat on the Ohio River.

Many riders (me included) have selected this tour over TOSRV for it's warmer June temps. We still rode with arm warmers and vests due to a 50 degree start on Saturday.

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The Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.

New Membership and Renewal Application 2004

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 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zip _____ Phone _____
 E-mail Address _____
 Signature _____

Individual \$12
Family \$20 +
\$1/child

Release of Liability

Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc. is organized for sole purpose of providing it's members with notification of central meeting points and times. Members freely elect to ride together as a group, following a route of choice. In signing this form for myself and/or my family members I understand and agree to absolve EBC, Inc. and it's organizers or sponsors for all blame for any injury misadventure, harm loss or inconvenience suffered as a result of participation in any ride or activity associated with or sponsored by the EBC, Inc. I further understand that I, as an individual am responsible to abide by all traffic laws and regulations governing bicycling and take full responsibility for my actions.

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