



EBC Bikewriter

December 2005

The Evansville Bicycle Club Newsletter

The President's Pacelines *by Mark Oliver*

As the Holidays are upon us and the cold weather follows, we still want to get on our bikes and ride. Those days that are warm and not windy are few and far between. Instead of the "perfect day" we usually get some sort of compromise. The day will be cold but not windy or it will be warm and windy. And then there's the dreaded cold, rainy/icy, and windy days. Those will bring out only the most dedicated riders! Some might even say insane. Being somewhat insane myself last year, on one occasion I was lucky enough to start a ride when it was clear but to end it as the snow started to fall. I finished before the road became dangerous; however, the experience of riding with snowflakes all around was absolutely beautiful. I hope this winter season is both safe and enjoyable for each of you whether you are on your bikes or not.

The Saturday before Thanksgiving, Debbie and I hosted the Pumpkin Pie Ride. The past three years, the weather has been in the seventies with clear skies. This year we were again lucky. It was in the upper 40's when everyone left and in the lower 50's when they returned. The skies were clear, but there was one complaint - it was pretty windy that morning. However, most were happy when they returned especially since we had a fire to warm up to and roast hot dogs on. There were also plenty of other offerings to sample. Of course, no Pumpkin Pie Ride is complete without sampling the pie and spiced cider. Jason Lee told us that he was going to fast for twenty-four hours prior to the ride so he would have room for everything! (Jason once described eating as a marathon event.) While we all enjoyed visiting one another, we were especially pleased to have Randy Silke and Jane & Tony Titzer with us.

There was however, a very sad aspect to the ride this year. I have used essentially the same route for the past few years, but this year it went through the path of the recent tornado in several different places. We passed the destruction on Frame Road, Highway 662/Covert Avenue, Pollack Avenue and on Lynn Road where the East Brook trailer park is. We took time to reflect on the suffering of the victims and to be thankful that more weren't injured or killed. We also remembered Wayne and Nance Fiester. They have been our friends and members of the EBC for many years. They lost their home in the tornado, but luckily escaped with only minor injuries. We decided to take up a collection for them to help during this difficult time. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please make your check payable to the Evansville Bike Club and be sure to mark it for Wayne and Nance Fiester. I will make sure that they receive all of the monies. You can mail your check to Mark Oliver, 7508 Ridgeway Avenue, Evansville, IN 47715. Debbie and I thank each and everyone of you who came to our ride. We thoroughly enjoyed your company and invite all of you to next years Pumpkin Pie Ride.

The Evansville Bike Club

Officer Nominations

The proposed slate of officers and office holders was discussed at our November meeting and are as follows:

President:	Mark Oliver
Vice President	Terrell Maurer
Treasurer:	Bobby Willett
Secretary:	Jason Lee
Statistician:	Rusty Yeager
Membership:	Jim Niethammer
Tour Director:	Jay Vercellotti
Newsletter:	Faye Carter
Website:	Bob Wefel

The election of the officers will take place on the night of the banquet. Please be there to support and vote for these volunteers who give of their time and talent to make our club the successful organization that it is!

Indoor Challenge 2006

Too cold, snowy, icy, or rainy to ride outside? Not enough snow to cross country ski? Then take the Indoor Challenge! The Indoor Challenge is a low-key winter fitness challenge. It is a fun way to motivate those who live in climates where the winter weather may be inhospitable for outdoor cycling. But riders in warmer regions can also participate. Riders track each of their indoor rides of two hours or greater and submit them for points.

The Indoor Challenge is organized by the UltraMarathon Cycling Association. For more information and complete rules go to:

<http://www.ultracycling.com/standings/indoorchallenge.html>

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dana Greenfield

Greg Hindahl



Brownstown Round-Barn Ride

By Jim Beyer



The ride was held on Saturday, July 9, 2005. It was located in Jackson county, southeast Indiana, ten miles west of Seymore. It was about 145 miles from Evansville.

The ride started at Brownstown Central High School. There was a 32 or 62 mile ride. Registration was from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. You could start the ride anytime you wanted.

That day had good for riding conditions. The weather was warm, no wind; the area was flat to rolling and scenic with one long hill at Clear Springs. I rode with Rebecca; she has learned to carry an extra tube on her bike since our last ride.

The first rest stop was at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area at Vallonia, Indiana. It had good camping ther and was very pretty.

We went through the flats on to Highway 135 to the back roads. We rode past three round barns, and one of Indiana's longest covered bridges outside Medora. The cracks in the planks are about the size of bike tires and you have to walk the bike across the bridge. Then we went up a large hill to Clear Springs. As I rode up, I noticed sand piles on the side. Down the road to Freetown, the last rest stop. It was inside an elementary school with Air Conditioning and lots of food and nice people

The remainder of the ride was rolling to flat on the way back to Brownstown High School. We did the 62-mile route.

Showers were available at the school locker rooms. It was a very good ride and well organized. By the way, this ride does help fund the Indiana Bicycle Coalition by contributing \$1.00 per registered rider.



Evansville Bicycle Annual Club Banquet

Executive Inn
600 Walnut Street
Evansville, Indiana

January 14, 2006
Cocktails (Cash Bar) & Hors d'oeuvres
5:30 p.m.

Dinner
6:15 p.m.

RSVP by December 31, 2005

ALL MEMBERS/GUEST RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID

	Number Attending	Total
Ride Host @	NO CHARGE	\$.
Members @	\$ 12.50	\$.
Family Membership @	\$ 25.00	\$.
Guest @	\$ 28.00	\$.
Total Amount Due		\$.

Guest under 12 are 1/2 price.

Please make checks payable to EBC, and mail to:

Hope Rold
961 Blue Ridge Rd.
Evansville, IN 47714
(812) 471-8011

Please provide name of all attending:

Start the New Year off right.

Come to the New Year's Day ride at the old dam site in Newburgh at 1:00 p.m.

I'll have my usual vegetarian chili with rolls, pimento cheese sandwiches, drinks, chips, crackers and flavored breads for dessert, such as banana/cranberry or banana nut. I'll try to figure out a way to have more chili this year. We were down to the very last bowl for the final rider, so it must have been edible. I didn't take a crumb of bread home either, but I'm going to try to do a better this year!!

Ring in the new year on your bike. Go home packing an extra pound or two with you. Ride out a mile and ride back—it counts. ☺

If you'd prefer beef in the chili, let me know. I aim to please.

I'd love to have people drop me an email or call if they plan to be there. I want to make sure I have plenty of food and drinks.

Faye Carter

FOR SALE

Evansville Bike Club Jerseys

Need a great Christmas gift idea?? How about a new EBC Jersey? We still have some left so don't miss out. The price is \$59.10 and they're sure to go fast! The sizes that are available are:

Size	Quantity
Small	3
Medium	2
Large	10
2XL	3

If you would like one of these really cool jerseys, and make a statement about your club as you ride, call or write me.

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The Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.

New Membership and Renewal Application 2005

Name _____ Age _____

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.

Make Checks payable to: Evansville Bicycle Club, Inc.

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